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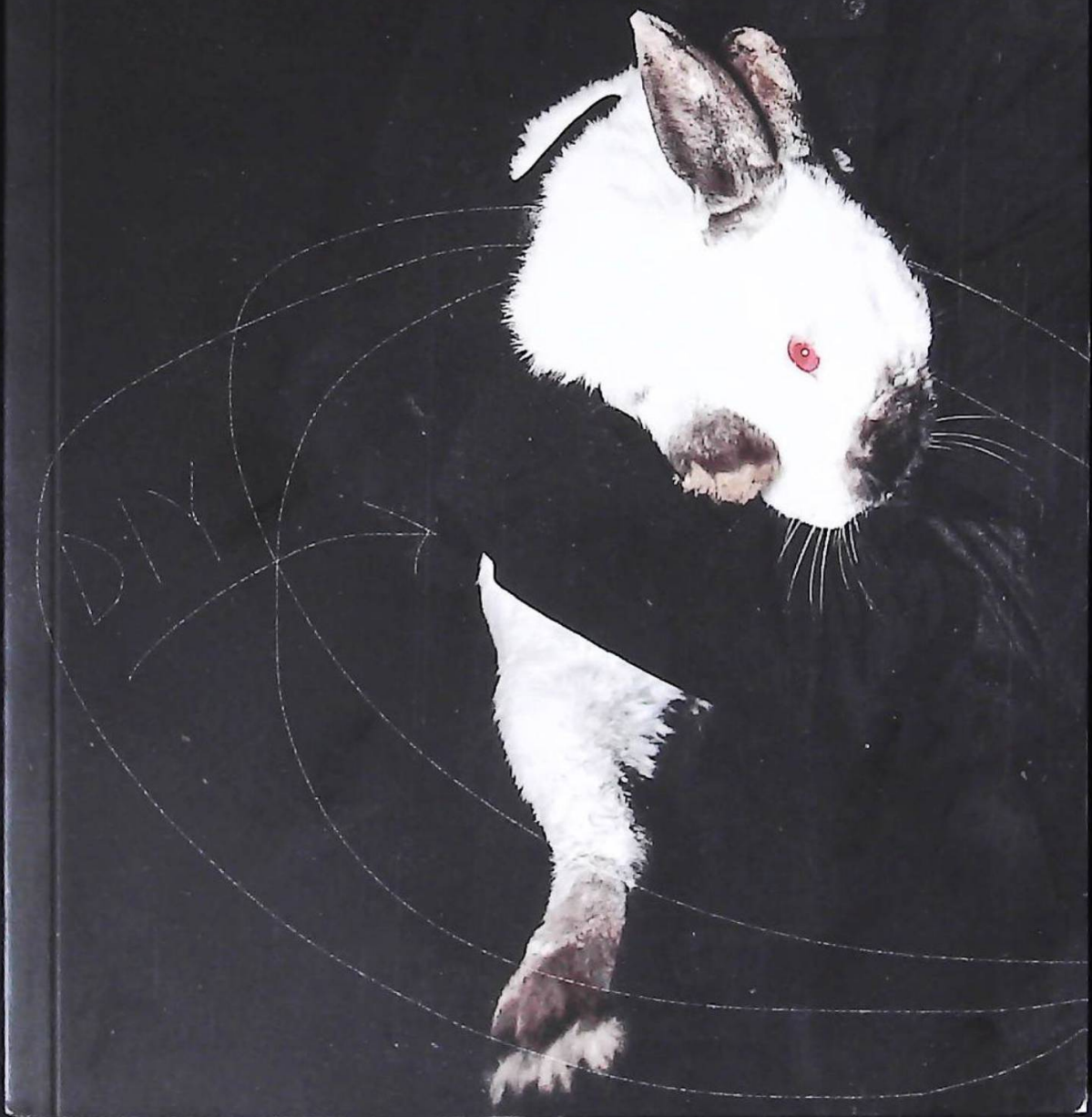

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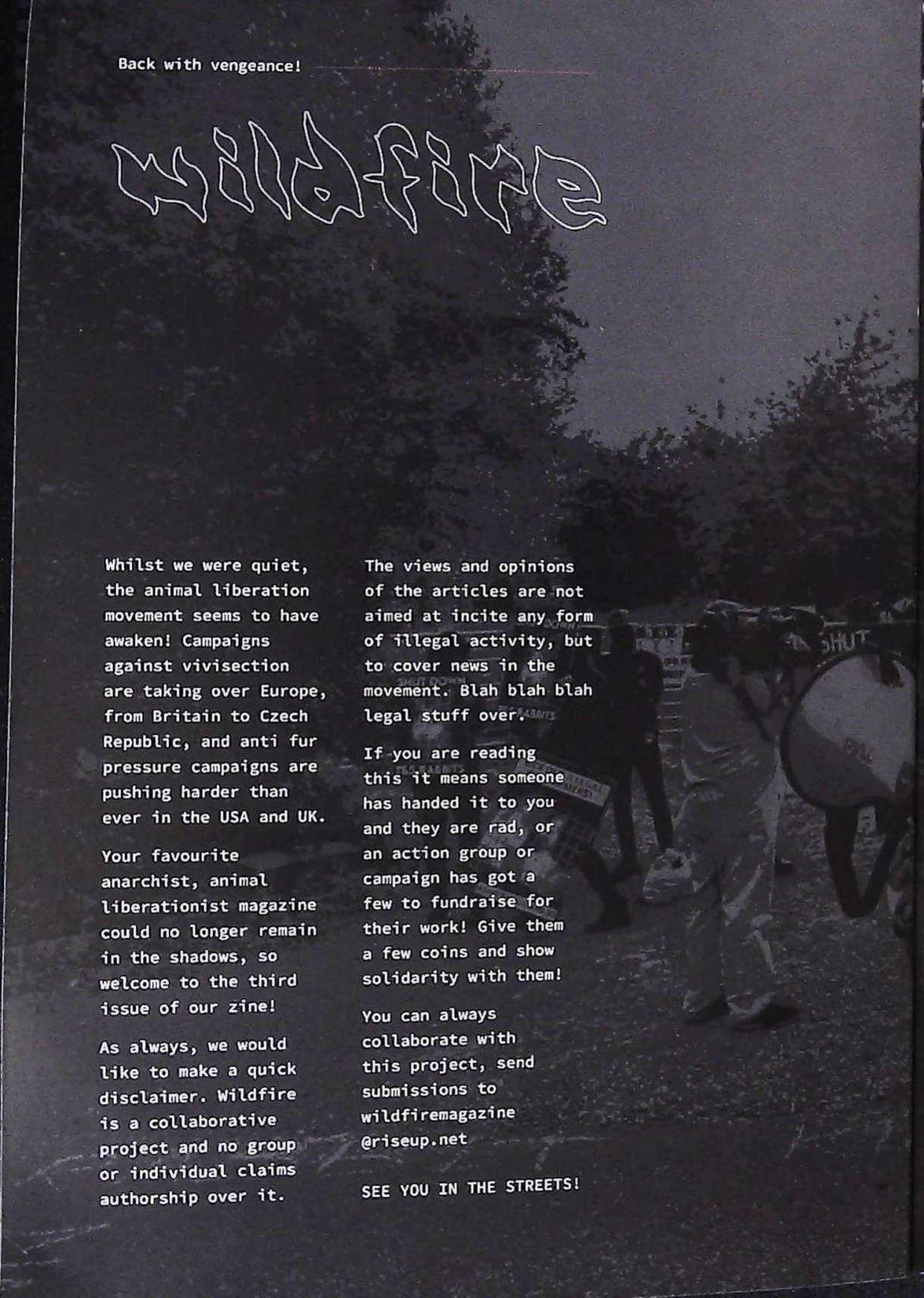

Whilst we were quiet, the animal liberation movement seems to have awaken! Campaigns against vivisection are taking over Europe, from Britain to Czech Republic, and anti fur pressure campaigns are pushing harder than ever in the USA and UK.

Your favourite anarchist, animal liberationist magazine could no longer remain in the shadows, so welcome to the third issue of our zine!

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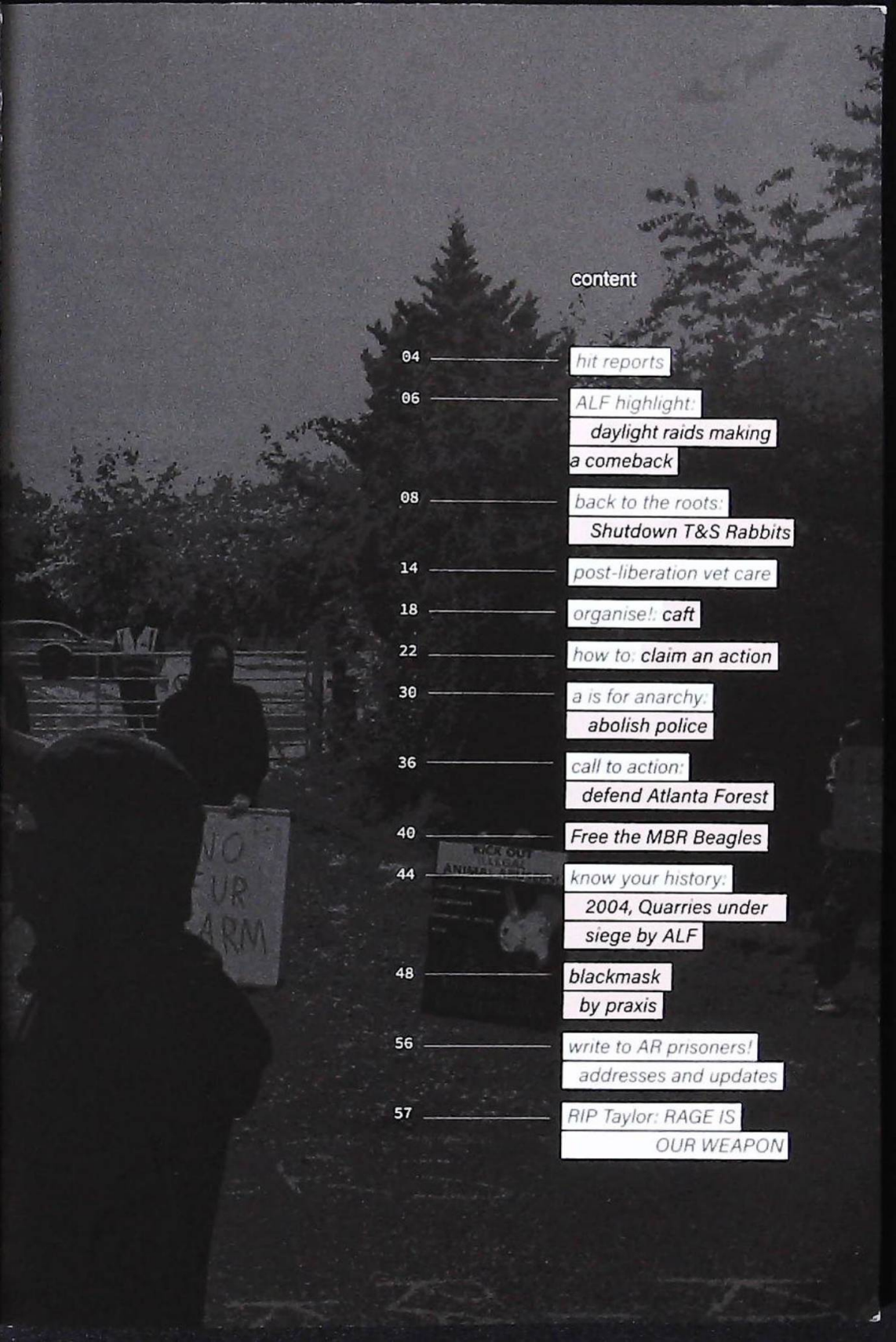

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Activists liberate 50 hens in memory of T&S rabbit's escapees

11.07.22 Netherlands
ALF liberates 8 rabbits

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ALF liberates 35 hens

07.07.22 US
Beavers gnaw down 40 ft wooden surveillance pole in Welaunee Forest

06.07.22 Czechia
Hunting towers destroyed

JUNE

28.06.22 US
Trees spiked in Welaunee forest

27.06.22
Activists sabotage new Labcorp building and destroy rat traps at a nearby pub in Leeds

26.06.22 Luxemburg
ALF liberates 13 hens

23.06.22 UK
12 rabbits liberated from a t&s rabbits fur farm in East Bridgeford

23.06.22 UK
ALF smashes a butcher shop and an ice cream parlour in Bristol

21.06.22 Sweden
10 hunting towers sabotaged in solidarity with the MBR beagles

21.06.22 UK
17 broiler chickens freed in Midlands

19.06.22 UK
ALF smashes another butcher shop in Bristol

16.06.22 Italy
ALF liberates 2 tethered dogs from a cage

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Archery shop sabotaged in Montreal

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Fast food restaurant's toilets sabotaged in Indianapolis

June 2022 UK
Pixies destroy a larsen trap and rehab a magpie in Worcestershire

June 2022 Germany
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31 hens liberated

27.05.22 May
Atlanta police foundation "at promise center" set on fire

26.05.22 Chile
Arson attack against a rodeo ring in Santiago

26.05.22 US
51 lobsters liberated

24.04.22 France
Hunting cabin destroyed by arson

23.05.22 US
Attack on Bank of America in Minneapolis in solidarity with arrested Atlanta Forest Defenders

22.05.22 Belgium
12 chickens liberated

20.05.22 US
5 fast food restaurants' toilets sabotaged in Kansas City

20.05.22 Belgium
ALF sabotages 26 hunting towers

20.05.22 Luxemburg
13 chickens liberated

15.05.22 Netherlands
5 hunting towers demolished

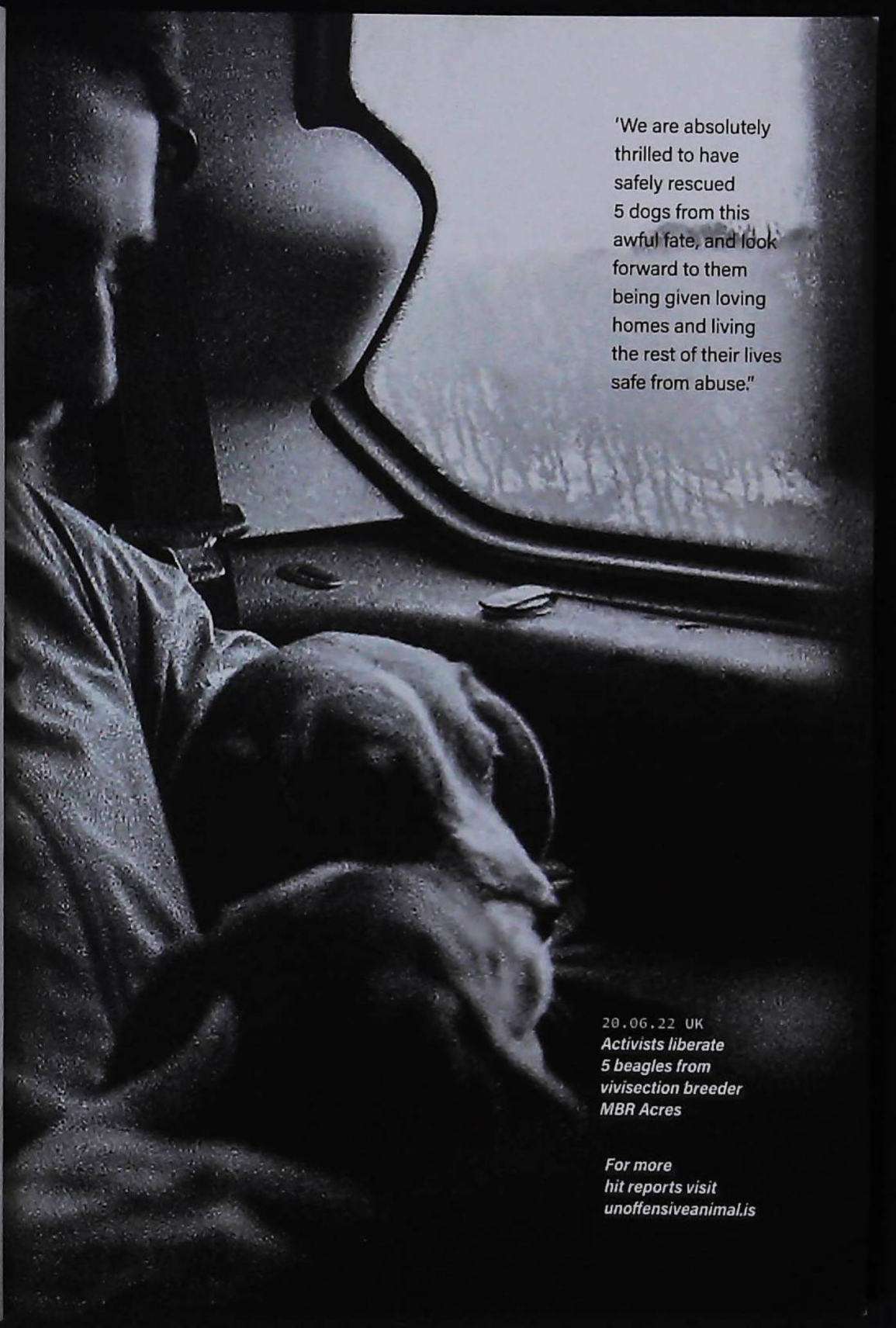
13.05.22 Canada
2 banks attacked in Montreal in solidarity with Wet'suwet'en

13.05.22 Netherlands
13 hunting towers destroyed

07.05.22 France
ALF breaks into a hunting lodge

01.05.22 US
Atlas technical consulting smashed, floors and walls painted in solidarity with the Atlanta Forest Defenders.

May Sweden
Swedish minister of Defences hometown vandalised


'We are absolutely thrilled to have safely rescued 5 dogs from this awful fate, and look forward to them being given loving homes and living the rest of their lives safe from abuse."

20.06.22 UK

Activists liberate 5 beagles from vivisection breeder MBR Acres

For more hit reports visit unoffensiveanimal.is

20.06.22

Daylight raids making a comeback!

On the 17th of April, Easter Sunday, a big group of people descended onto a T&S Rabbits farm in Midlands, UK, and to the surprise of families visiting the nature reserve, they jumped over the fence and made a run for it.

Thirty rabbits were liberated in the middle of the day, with police scrambling to grab whoever they could and with the owners of the farm left not knowing what to do.

Some people were arrested, and although a number of rabbits remained at the farm, only a few weeks later the owner would shut it down and move all rabbits away. An underground daylight raid, alongside many other actions that above ground campaigners organised, was the final nail in the coffin for T&S Rabbits Rutland.

"When standing outside stops being enough.

When I got wind that there was going to be a surprise demo at the Rutland fur farm I got some friends together and prepared. We came with carriers and as asked, covered our faces and dressed in black. We came filled with rage for this horrible place and scum bag Phil who owns it. We showed up with one priority though, the rabbits.

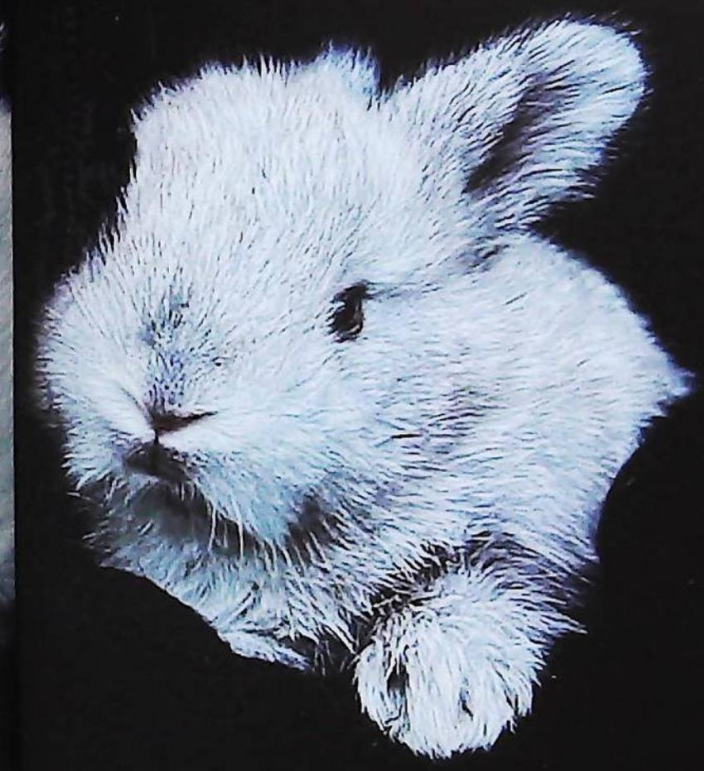
People hadn't been subtle about their arrival and we knew the cops wouldn't be far behind. But it was such a hot day, the rabbits needed help and we knew this was an opportunity. We saw some people climb the fence and we joined our unknown comrades, quickly scrambling over and running as fast as we could to the hutches. We could hear the filth arriving before we even got to the rabbits but we didn't get this far to give up on them now. We took as many as we could easily carry and ran.

It was chaos, people being grabbed by cops left right and centre, people who had overfilled carriers, not wanting to leave anyone behind, couldn't move fast enough to get away. Bewildered members of the public watching. But cops can't be everywhere and we saw folks with

precious cargo evading, we heard filth shouting and people not listening. A lot of rabbits made it out and we saw the raw power of a group of people doing what it takes despite the sirens and despite the daylight. It was beautiful. The adversity and the fear is still there but you don't let it debilitate you. The adrenaline kicks in and you know what you are doing is right and hold on to that.

I hope all the rabbits that made it out that day are doing well, and I hope people felt inspired by what happened, I know I was."

Full report on unoffensiveanimal.io



That day I learn something that will stay with me forever. When we empower ourselves, we can make anything possible.

In March 2022, activists from the UK announced a new campaign to shut down T&S Rabbits, a multi-location fur and meat farm business exploiting rabbits. Since then, the campaign has been delivering blow after blow, and at the time of writing this article, only one single farm is still standing.

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SHUTDOWN T&S RABBITS

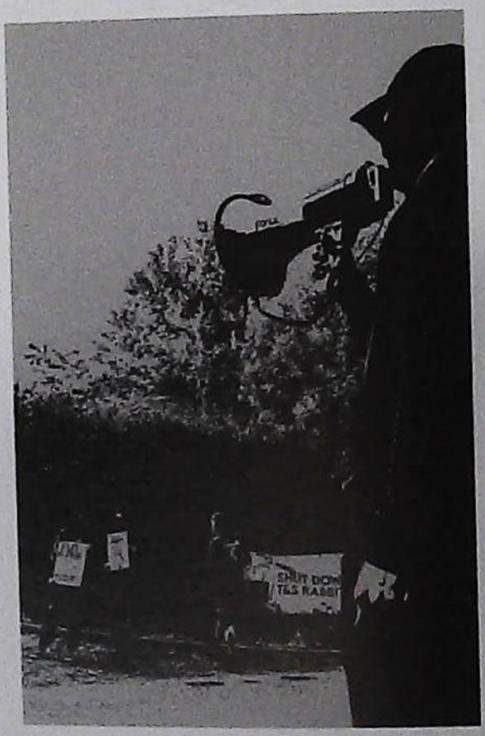
The battle against T&S started a lot earlier. Locals to a proposed T&S factory farm fought against its planning application over a decade ago. That farm was never built. Last year, Rabbit Farm Resistance also put a lot of effort into fighting against the company, gaining a lot of traction with hundreds of people sending objections to the planning applications around the UK.

Shut Down T&S Rabbits was born as a coalition of groups and individuals who wanted to turn the heat against T&S and not just oppose new development but shut down the company for good.

Since its inception, they have used many different tactics to demand the safe release of rabbits to loving homes and the dissolution of the company.

At the start, T&S Rabbits had four planning applications in different parts of the country as well as two active farms and one inactive location awaiting council approval.

Shut Down T&S Rabbits (SDTNS) got to work with the low hanging fruit first. Two undecided planning applications on otherwise untouched land were refused by their respective council thanks to the pressure of hundreds of people who objected, wrote emails and letters and called the planning officers.

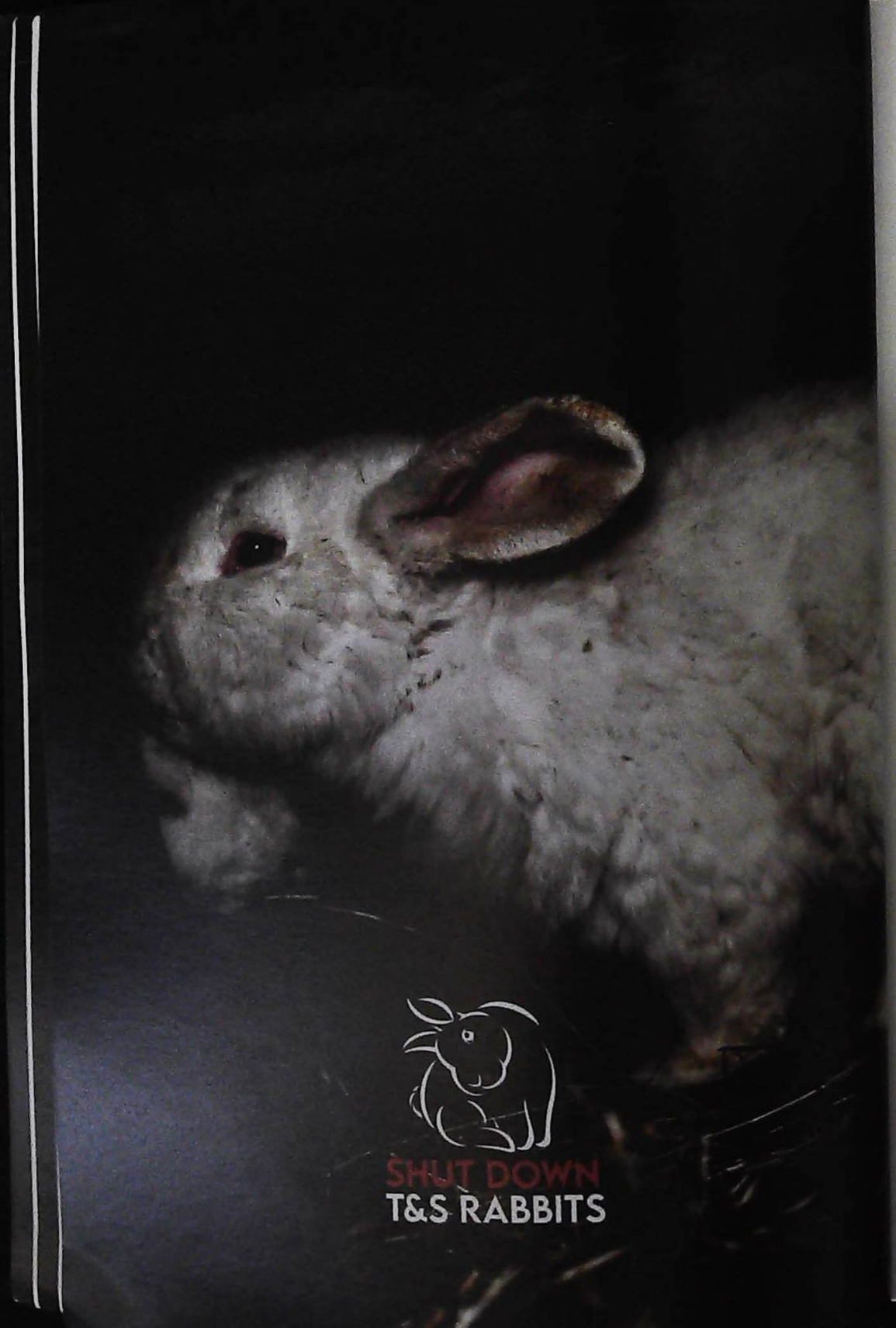


Once those applications were over, they turned their sights onto T&S Rutland, a seemingly small farm with around 30 rabbits, and launched the "Save the Rutland 30" campaign.

The Rutland farm was in a very strategic location; adjacent to a nature reserve frequented by walkers and animal lovers, T&S' owner Phil Kerry alongside his son Matt and his son's partner Natalia were planning to open a glamping site, mere yards away from the rabbit farm!

The campaign took advantage of secondary targeting and published their findings; pet breed rabbits were being farmed for fur and meat, and they had no problem offering luxury camping to the middle class whilst killing rabbits in the same location. They published the glamping site's social accounts and the reviews started pouring in. When Matt's and Natalia's mobile phone numbers found their way online, dozens of people called them to let them know exactly what they thought about their abuse of rabbits. Multiple demonstrations by the gates attracted the attention of walkers, and when out of the blue a group of anonymous activists raided the place in broad daylight taking 30 rabbits with them, Phil decided he had enough. T&S Rutland was announced defunct on May 17th, less than two months after the campaign started.

T&S Atlow was next. The farm had been abandoned after a demonstration organised by Rabbit Farm Resistance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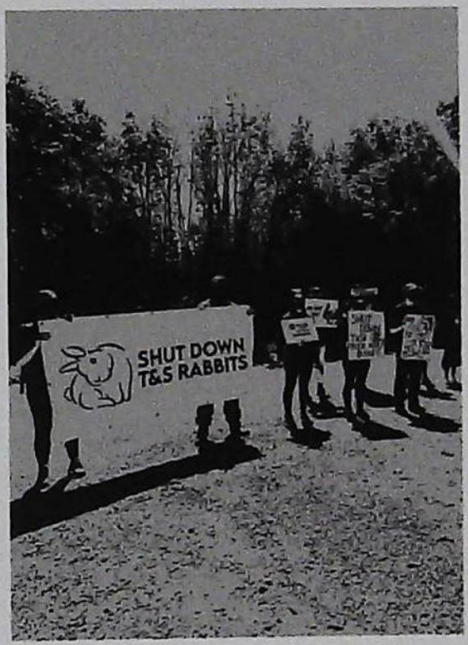
the year prior, but the application for a workers' dwelling that had been rejected by the council was still pending a decision by the inspectorate. Phil Kerry asked for a public hearing, and in preparation SDTNS appealed to the locals for support, organising demos and outreach in the area. After seeing the pressure, Phil withdrew the application before the scheduled public hearing. Another victory for the campaign.

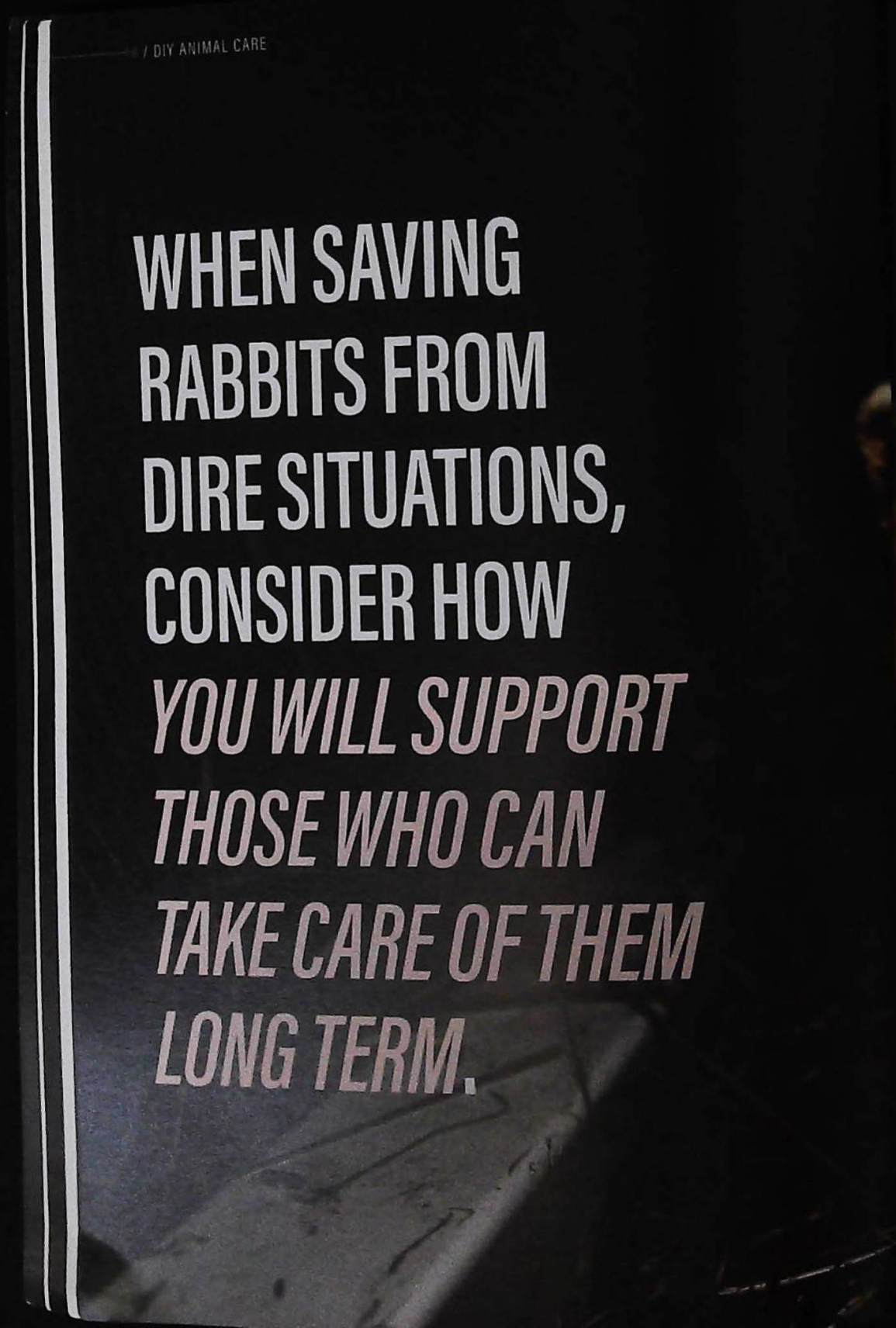


Whilst all this campaign was happening, direct action was taking place around T&S sites. Posters reading WANTED alongside Phil's mugshot and his home address started appearing around villages and neighbouring cities. The Rabbit Liberation Unit liberated eleven rabbits that had seemingly been abandoned to die at a defunct farm. The Bite Back Bunny Brigade took another twelve rabbits, including a mum and her litter, from the only remaining farm.

SDTNS shifted locations to focus on T&S East Bridgford, the only open T&S farm. After a couple of demonstrations where lots of locals joined the ranks, they released some very damming covert footage. People had spent months filming the farm undercover and had seen that an unnatural amount of rabbits was dying due to neglect, to be stored in a freezer for weeks until a body disposal company would come to collect them to be transported to a fishing maggots farm. The demonstration that ensued was bigger and angrier than any previous ones.

The story finishes here for us, but the last lines are yet to be written. People are still fighting to free the last remaining rabbits in East Bridgford, and if SDTNS has made something clear is that they will not rest until they win and that they sure know how to do it.

Keep fighting.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RABBITS FROM
DIRE SITUATIONS,
CONSIDER HOW
YOU WILL SUPPORT
THOSE WHO CAN
TAKE CARE OF THEM
LONG TERM.

Rabbits are arguably one of the most abused animals in the industry. Rabbit farms are rife within the countryside and hidden spaces, this includes the UK now as we've seen at the 'T&S' Rabbits fur farms, but also those stuck in tiny barren cages alone at the end of the gardens or breeding farms like pet shop breeders.

Rabbits are extremely sensitive animals and regardless of whether them coming from wild or domesticated spaces they possess very special instincts that keep them safe.

This is because they are known as a 'prey species.' Meaning that they hide symptoms of illness very well as a survival strategy to avoid predators.

Rabbits on farms or in abusive or neglectful circumstances are likely to have some level of health concerns. This may be because they have struggled to get access to decent quality food or food in general. For example only being offered the shittest 'Russel rabbit' crap and lettuce or physically unable to reach the food due to illness, competition or because there isn't any.

Rabbits need to be consuming food on a very regular basis to survive. Any period of anorexia can lead to what's called 'Gut stasis' which can be deadly if left unnoticed and untreated.

To combat this when rescuing rabbits it is a good idea to load them with liquid food via a syringe to ensure that they get what they need during their transition to safety. This can be life-saving. It has been known for groups of rabbits to die after liberation, which is believed to be likely down to stress-related gut stasis. Once this was combated there was a 100% survival rate.

It's recommended to use a product called 'Critical Care' by Oxbow or 'Emeraid' which you can buy online. Some come with feeding syringes which have a longer tip and hold about 20mls of the food, which is a good amount to start with for any rabbits during a stressful time. Follow the instructions on the packet.

Be patient and go slow when feeding foods that are liquidised to prevent inhalation of the food. Also do not make the food too watery, it should be more of a paste consistency as per instructions. There are plenty of videos of this online to learn from.

It is still important to manage the rescued individuals, knowing who is eating, drinking and passing poops and eating poops! This information is very helpful and will ensure that anyone who isn't quite behaving normally can be spotted and assisted early.

It is always recommended that any rabbits showing signs of illness are seen by a rabbit savvy vet, not a standard vet. Do not wait, by the time you're seeing symptoms the rabbit is struggling.

Make sure good quality hay (Timothy hay not meadow), dark greens, pellet food (never muesli) and water are available for them at all times so they can attempt to regulate their needs asap. Herbs and other fresh foods are often welcomed and may be more accessible in a rush.

When travelling with these guys, also ensure that it's cool temperature-wise. They overheat easily and will likely not appreciate being cuddled as this will exacerbate stress and heat.

Rabbits should ideally be moved in plastic boxes, not cardboard as any urine will wreck a cardboard one making it unsafe to use.

Parasites can be a serious problem, especially when the rabbits come from unsanitary and crammed conditions. It is a good idea to put new rabbits through a Panacur treatment that should help with worms and E. Cuniculi. For severe cases, the treatment can be repeated for up to 28 days. Mites and other external parasites are often present in farmed rabbits. Ivermectin can help with infestations, but if the rabbit has multiple scabs on the ears and very visible mites you should take them to a vet for more targeted treatment. Never remove the scabs, this can be very painful for a rabbit.

Rabbits in very soiled conditions can develop infections under the skin. Whilst it is never recommended to bathe a rabbit as they can clean themselves pretty well, a rabbit savvy vet might advise you to do so. Follow their instructions if that is the case. It is important to know that due to the terrible conditions that farmed rabbits live in, they are prone to develop abscesses. A vet should be able to identify those bumps and explain the treatment, but if you can smell a rotten door coming from a rabbit you should get them medical attention asap, as they might need surgery to remove the abscess.

As previously mentioned, rabbits are prey animals, and although they have very sophisticated social hierarchies they will most likely be very scared of humans, especially when they come from abusive environments like a meat or fur farm. Don't pick up rabbits. They don't want to be grabbed. The best way to gain their trust is to allow them to get to know you. Sit in their enclosure, grab a book and let them sniff you without moving. You can entice them with some treats (not very often!) if they are food motivated. After a while, they should warm up to you and know you're bringing them greens and pellets, and some of them might even let you rub their forehead. Understand that the physiological damage done by a farm might be too much for them to ever trust you. Be gentle, and understanding, and give them what they ask for.

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Coalition to Abolish
the Fur Trade

Give us a quick intro to your campaign, what is CAFT, where does it come from?

CAFT was founded in November of 2020. Today's iteration of CAFT was inspired by the 90's group led by Lydia Nichols. We wanted to pay homage to Lydia and the hard work of anti-fur activists in the 90s. With Lydia's blessing we resurrected CAFT and most notably the "Neiman Carcass" campaign. CAFT is headquartered in Los Angeles, CA and made up of 5 unpaid volunteers.

What are you working on currently?

After a year of major victories against international fashion houses and America's top department store chains, we are currently targeting Moët Hennessy -Louis Vuitton to end its use of fur.

What do you want to achieve?

CAFT is dedicated to dismantling the fur industry through pressure campaigns against the corporations that make up its retail sector, knocking them out brick by brick until the industry collapses.

Fur is an artificial demand created by industry marketing. These corporations control culture from the top down. Their sole concern is profit, so our path to victory lies in disrupting business as usual, with or without political power or public participation.

What strategies and tactics are being used?

CAFT strategy leverages the strengths of the grassroots animal rights movement, in spite of its small size relative to other social justice movements.

Fur is opposed by majorities of the public in many countries -thus, CAFT has no need to focus on education or outreach. Our campaigns are designed to appropriately impact our corporate targets, not the general public.

Animals don't care about our beliefs or our posturing. They deserve results. At CAFT, we never protest just to protest or make a point; we protest to force companies to concede to our demands. Our only concern is getting companies to drop fur.

We seek to destroy target companies' ability to do business in peace, to disrupt their financial interests, to leverage their PR concerns against them, and to demoralize their personnel at every level from retail store to corporate headquarters.

Our top strategic principles are focus and consistency. The fashion corporations that torture animals for fur have locations in cities across the world, and activists across the world can only make a serious impact when we work together to focus on the same one or two companies. This focus must be consistent, relentlessly directed against the target companies in such a manner that they have no rest until they drop fur.

When a company is resistant to direct pressure from activists, the most successful strategy is secondary and tertiary targeting, whereby we gain leverage against that company by targeting its business partners -subsidiaries, investors, suppliers, board members, and more. CAFT ultimately won our campaign against Oscar de la Renta by focusing on its top investor, GF Capital ("secondary target"), as well as other companies owned by GF Capital ("tertiary targets"). In our current campaign against Moncler, we have recently expanded to target Montcler Group subsidiary Stone Island, as well as the financial firms who invest most heavily in Moncler Group.

In pursuing these strategies, CAFT seeks to maximize tactical diversity. We utilize a decentralized campaign model: local groups are able to participate in our campaigns in whatever way they wish, using their preferred tactics. Rather than control, restrict, or dictate to these groups, we aim only to provide support, information, and coordination. We don't need to agree on anything besides the importance of taking consistent, focused action.

The most common tactics we see from groups participating in our

campaigns are in-store disruptions and demonstrations outside of stores, but we have seen a wide range of tactics. We have seen peaceful leafleting. We have seen Tweet-storms. And we have seen rowdy demonstrations at the homes of corporate executives.

Any specific wins?

In the year between Fur Free Friday 2020 and FFF 2021, CAFT successfully forced fur-free policies on Saint Laurent, Oscar de la Renta, Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Alice + Olivia, Dolce & Gabanna, Zegna Group, Montcler and Monique Lhuillier. Our shortest campaign was against Alice + Olivia, which had been targeted by large nonprofits for 10 years, but dropped fur only 11 days into our campaign.

Aside from the strategies mentioned above, has CAFT seen an escalation on tactics by the decentralised groups?

CAFT believes that sustainable campaigns avoid unnecessary risk. But animals on fur farms suffer brutally from the moment they are born until the moment they die. So when push comes to shove, it is our moral duty to do anything and everything we can to end that suffering.

In the course of our campaigns, some independent activists have not been shy to forcefully direct the attention of companies and corporate bosses to the pain and misery they cause. Activists have tied blaring window alarms to helium balloons, and released them inside of stores. They have left messages in fake blood outside of these stores. They have showed up to protest outside of the houses of corporate executives and managers -not only those who work for targeted fashion companies, but those who finance or otherwise support these companies.

We wish to note that the most important aspect of radical action is security culture. Any activist who snitches or cooperates with law enforcement is never welcome to participate in our campaigns. The law treats animals as property, enshrines the right to kill and abuse them, and impedes activists when we try to protect them.

That said, we only initiate campaigns that we believe to be winnable using 100% legal methods. In this respect, we reiterate that unnecessary risks are not an appropriate part of sustainable campaigning. For example, we see little point in intentional arrest and other such posturing.

How to support / get in contact?

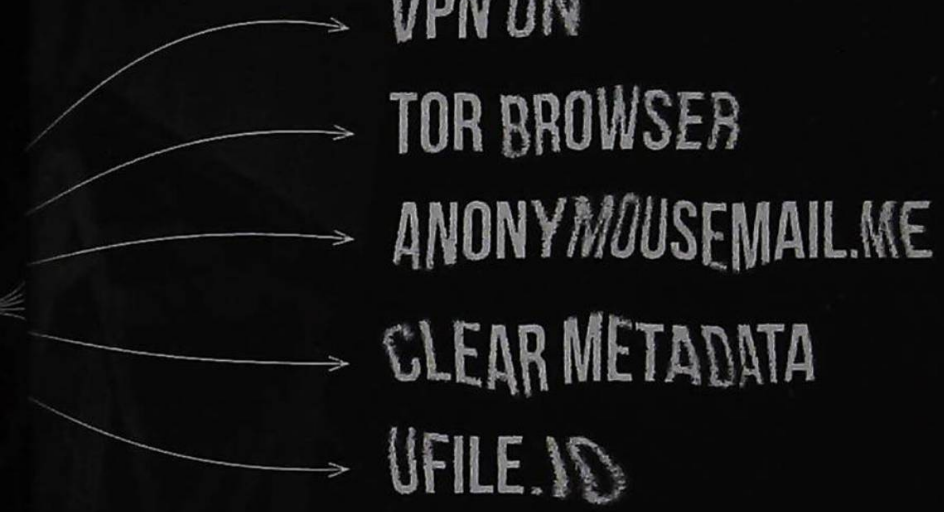
At CAFT, we follow the old mantra that "words mean nothing, action is everything." The best way to support CAFT campaigns is to organize a protest or disruption in your city, or join others who are already doing so. Short of that, one can support and share our actions on social media, or donate at *caftusa.com*

Since the Animal Liberation Front formed in 1976, tactics have changed, technology has developed (for better and worse), and countless activists have come and gone. Knowledge has been gained, but it has also been lost. One thing we have to preserve is the art of claiming actions.

HOW TO

CLAIM AN ACTION AND SEND A REPORT

Initially, ALF activists contacted the media directly by phone or post. As forensic science improved, this became ever riskier, and the ALF Press Office (ALF PO) was formed. The ALF PO served as a buffer between the media, the police, and the activists on the ground. Putting all the attention on one person helped ALF activists, but it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meant huge risks for the plucky volunteer serving as ALF PO. Police intimidation, media smears, and lengthy trials made it an unenviable role. At the dawn of the millennium, Biteback was launched; a US based website seemingly protected by first amendment laws. Despite regular raids on servers across the globe, Biteback seemed all but untouchable. Reports were sent encrypted or from 'burner' email addresses by activists across the world, and the website was updated almost daily. With the rise of single-focus pressure campaigns (each with their own spokespeople), a central resource for the media to browse actions, and unrelenting pressure on the ALFO PO, the role became increasingly redundant. In the modern era, the ALF PO still speaks out for animal liberation, but mostly for when the media contact them rather than the other way around. Unoffensive Animal also keeps the legacy alive, posting communiques submitted by anyone who follows the instructions on their website.

There have always been three primary purposes for communiques; to educate the public on animal liberation issues (by attracting media coverage), to inspire others to act, and to convey a direct message to the target company/industry. Without an active ALF PO, it is more important than ever that those intentions are met. To do so, there are some things which you should consider including, and some that you should try to avoid:

WHERE?

Rescuing ten dogs from a laboratory supplier might seem automatically newsworthy. However, no journalist will report it without knowing where the dogs were taken from. If they cannot corroborate your claim, the mainstream media will not cover the story. If you are hoping to inspire others to act against your target, they will need to know where it is. It might be enough to inspire a new pressure campaign which could close the place down for good. It also means that the target's identity is spread far and wide, adding increasing pressure to them to cease their exploitation. Of course, sometimes it is important to keep that information secret. For example, if you find an easily accessible chicken farm, and your intention is to visit as many times as possible then it would be foolish to alert the farmer. In situations like this, keep it vague ('a chicken farm in Lincolnshire'), but be aware that you won't make the press, although you might inspire actions at other farms.

WHAT?

To inspire others, it helps to paint a clear picture of what happened. It is a rare opportunity to provide a 'how-to' guide, which may usually be impossible to publish. However, never give police

any information they don't already have. There are facts the media will need to verify your story, and you should consider including them(which building(s) did you enter, how many animals did you rescue, was any paperwork taken?). Other information should either be omitted or used as a smoke screen. If you cycled, maybe say where you parked your cars, if you climbed a wall, maybe claim a different access point... If you are rescuing animals from exploitation and oppression you are acting to prevent a greater crime. The general conditions of the facility, and certainly any law breaking are all evidence of that, so include an account of any wrongdoing you witness.

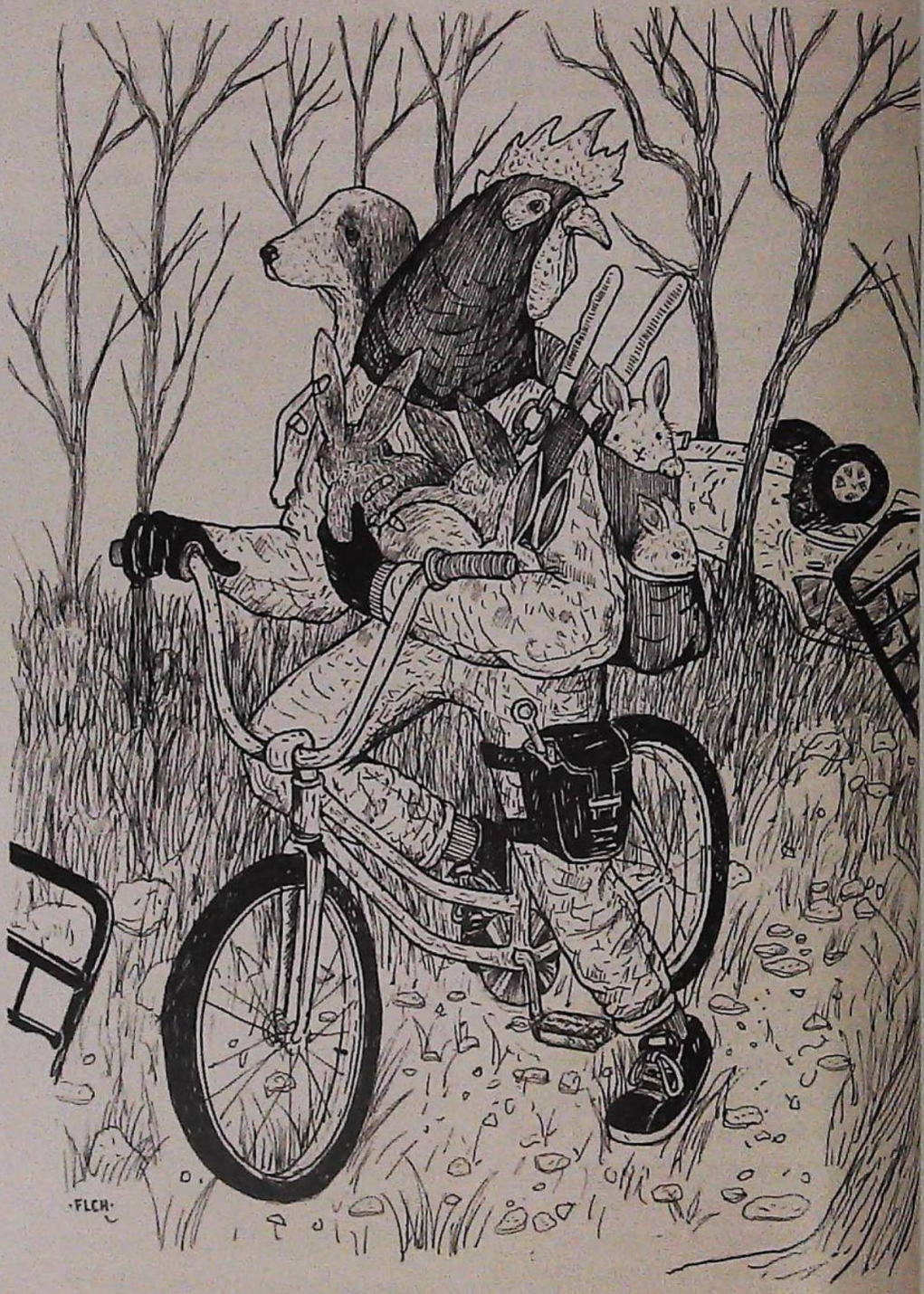
WHY?

As an underground activist, your communiques are the only opportunity you have to explain in your own words why you have taken action. Why did you choose to target this specific company? What is wrong about what they are doing? What would you like to see other people do? Why did you choose this course of action? Do you have a message for the target company, or the industry as a whole? Remember that whatever you say is your final word; you are not starting a dialogue, you are making a statement, so make it count. To convince others that what you did was right, it is best to keep communiques clear, informative, and well written. The purpose is to spread the message of animal liberation to as many people as possible.

Here are some examples of very different, but equally effective communiques from the past 20 years:

"On the evening of the 13th of Feb we popped all 4 tires on a butchers van in Bristol, UK. This action was fun and easy. We would like to use this space to call for a return to militant tactics and radical thought in the animal rights movement. Action dedicated to all other ALF volunteers, we love you!"

This short, sharp zinger is from 2021. It is immediately clear that the focus of this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report is to inspire others to act, rather than to garner mass media. It does that very succinctly, clearly, and inclusively. We are left in no doubt what happened to the van, and including the date and the city prevent the report being too vague. The name of the shop could have been included (as the butcher will be aware they were targeted), which would have spread the business name further, and potentially allowed for wider protests and media.

The second example is from 2006:

"How many times have we heard that a job is impossible? That's exactly what we thought when we heard about diving experiments being carried out for the navy by QinetiQ at the Centre for Human Sciences. Experience however has taught us that where there is a will, there's a way.

We had a tight time-scale, as reconnaissance had revealed this to be a busy area, surrounded by military bases. The difficult decision had been taken to only bring in one removal van, as loading any more in this area was going to bring it on top. Once dusk had settled we went to work, cutting through the perimeter fence of the ex-MOD base. Within minutes we had gained access to the goat enclosure and began rounding up the smaller animals.

As soon as everyone had a goat, and the lookouts had given the all-clear, we set off across the adjacent golf course, over a small fence nearby and jogged over open heath to the van. The van door slammed shut and as it disappeared on the road to freedom, we made our way along the beach to our vehicle.

The nine beautiful young goats all made it safely to their new homes, where they can live out the rest of their natural lives free from a crushing death in the hyperbaric chamber.

The experiments being carried out by QinetiQ are sickening repeats, which have been going on for decades. As the French navy now use computer simulations and human trials it is high time the British MOD came out of the dark ages and began using ethical and reliable science. We call on QinetiQ to halt these experiments and hand all surviving animals over to suitable animal protection groups."

This (abridged) report is a lot longer, but is aimed to generate media interest, as well as inspire action, and make a direct appeal to the British Government. The targeted facility is named in full, and the unabridged report includes graphic details of the experiments being carried out. Any journalist receiving this communiqué would very easily be able to confirm it. The report also includes a lot of information likely to garner public support (following its publication, the local paper ran a poll which showed 99% of their readers supported the action). It makes a strong point that even a high security military base can be accessed with a good plan. This communiqué

actually inspired a pressure campaign, which ended the tests and closed the lab. The unequivocal demand at the end was met when this underground action was supported by above ground campaigning.

For such a well organised operation, it is highly likely that some of the unnecessary specifics ("...only bring in one removal van" "we set off across the adjacent golf course, over a small fence nearby and jogged over open heath to the van" "we made our way along the beach to our vehicle") were fiction, aimed at confusing any police investigation. "As soon as everyone had a goat" implies there were nine people on the ground, as well as lookouts and at least one driver. This too is probably an illusion, aimed at making the police look for a much larger, or smaller team.

A final example from 2004:

"Like avenging angels we struck. Headlights smashed, tyres slashed, wind screens shattered and cables cut on cement mixing and digging vehicles at the RMC quarry, Attenborough, Nottingham.

RMC we know your plan is to build the animal torture centre in Oxford as quickly as possible to minimize retaliation against you, but this plan is fatally flawed, as not only are you up against the majority of public opinion but you are also up against the animal liberation movement and we are getting very, very angry!!!

Sever you contract with Oxford University, as if you don't actions against you are only set to increase and you will end up remaining on the ALF hit-list as a valid and high-profile target for many, many years to come.

RMC do the compassionate thing, as however much blood-soaked money you make from this contract we will ensure you spend even more repairing the damage we cause to your property."

This report was written amid an intense pressure campaign against the building of anew animal testing lab in Oxford. It is unapologetically aggressive and had the opposite intention of the first example.

This theatrical communiqué is not intended to inspire others, but to excite the media. The communiqué ended up being narrated in full by an actor on C4 News, overlaying dramatic footage of similar actions taking place across the UK.

There is no one way to write a communiqué. Each is as diverse as the individuals who compose them. The actions they contain matter most, but always consider who your audience is, and what you want them to do with the information.

HOW DO I SAFELY SEND A REPORT?

Using the internet without leaving any forensic trace is a very difficult task. What you can do is take extra steps to mitigate the likelihood of an action being linked to whoever sent the report. These are a few steps you can take in order to do that:

1] Use a VPN. You can use the free version of Proton VPN, but we would recommend you use a throwaway account every time you use it.

2] Use the Tor Browser. It is free, it forgets what it's done every time you shut it and it comes with many, many nodes between you and the receiving end of your communication, making it difficult to trace back to you.

3] Create a throwaway email address, or better yet a spam email address. A good option for this is anonymousemail.me

4] Sending media (either photos or videos) will really help with your report. Ensure you clean the meta data. Meta data is this pesky user packet of information that comes with photos or videos and says things like where the photo was taken, what device and when. You can find what tool you can use depending on your operative system by visiting privacytools.io

A good recommendation for most computers is ExifCleaner.

5] Upload your media to a file share server. If you're using Tor, this should be sufficiently safe. A useful file upload service would be ufile.io

6] Send your write up and the link to download the media though that spam email address and shut the Tor Browser.

PS: If the action carries a higher threat level, you should consider what device you use in order to send that report as well as what internet connexion you connect it to. For that reason, using a TailsOS stick (read about it online, it is easy!) and going to a public wifi might be your best option. Get clued up and your chances of success will increase dramatically!

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Sure, basically all of us to some extent sell our souls to the capitalist machine. We might spend half our waking life making money for our bosses.

A cop, however, is all the more complicit with the oppression that keeps the downtrodden in the dirt. In donning their uniform, they shed their morals and in doing so unquestioningly enforce laws that keep the rich untouchable.

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All Coppers Are Bastards. All Coppers Are Bastards. All Coppers Are Bastards. All Co

To build communities where oppression and coercion aren't needed, we need brave and radical ideas. We need to take responsibility for our own liberation. Entrusting justice to the police and courts only stymies and stagnates its course. So much of what many people accept is an inevitable part of the state is propped up by this very criminal "justice" system.

This is even when its moral bankruptcy is blindingly obvious. The destruction of habitats and communities in the interest of generating profit, the pollution of the air and water, the torture of non-human animals and the preferential treatment of rich white people in court - all these things can quite easily be done lawfully and the police will do nothing to stop them.

Even if such an action is illegal, such as hunting with hounds in England, any hunt sab has a story of how the filth have dragged their heels on enforcing the law and the work often falls on unpaid and dedicated sabs to prove the unlawful wrongdoing. Conversely, the cops will chomp at the bit to nick mourners at a vigil or criminalise poor people with drugs.

Entrusting the pursuit of justice to the police is therefore not only futile but downright dangerous. Why should we trust an institution whose objective is not so much to enforce the law, but to maintain the stability of the state and the productivity of capital? The elite of our society don't stay wealthy because of their intelligence or skill. The barrier that stops you or I taking back the wealth they appropriated is the organised violence of the police.

This violence is multi-faceted. There is the obvious violence of the CS spray, batons and dogs. There is also the more banal yet insidious violence of the bureaucracy, courts and prison – tools that can restrict people's lives indefinitely and with even fewer means to resist them.

If we are to take what is ours and build communities founded on mutual aid and solidarity, then we can't wait for the law to catch up. We need the courage to act on our own morality, not what is imposed on us. The law is a straitjacket in the fight for liberation.

A cop will defend their role by ignoring all the times they've subjected another member of the downtrodden to this cycle of violence and will instead point to the handful of times of when, for example, they have arrested a domestic abuser. But given how often patriarchal violence occurs unopposed and without justice for the victim, and given how many people in the police are themselves rapists and domestic abusers, why should we leave it to the state to solve these problems it is simply not interested in solving?

@FLECHAROJAA

If we are to collectively own our justice, we have to take responsibility to tackle the crimes that happen every day. This is of course monumentally difficult. There is no easy answer for how to bring paedophiles, rapists or murderers to account and heal their victims or their community. Some may even be beyond forgiveness. It can take hard work from whole communities for wounds to be healed and trust rebuilt, yet to try to prescribe a process or set of rules would be falling into the same trap the state has made for itself.

The state can only see crime as a matter of bad people that need to be rehabilitated.

The scale of the task of fixing society's problems without resorting to the state might seem

As anarchists, we see the broader social oppressions of patriarchy, speciesism, racism and capitalism. Conversely, by seeking justice outside the law, we are able to find individual solutions that work for our communities.

The courts will never see a problem beyond the individual perpetrator, and their tools of prison and criminalisation are blunt instruments that will never administer true transformative justice.

impossible. But again, think of the lawful violence being carried out by the state and capital every day. The police will say we need them to keep us safe, but safe from whom? We can surely do better than this. Let's build solidarity in our communities, meet each other as comrades, and take these tasks head on.

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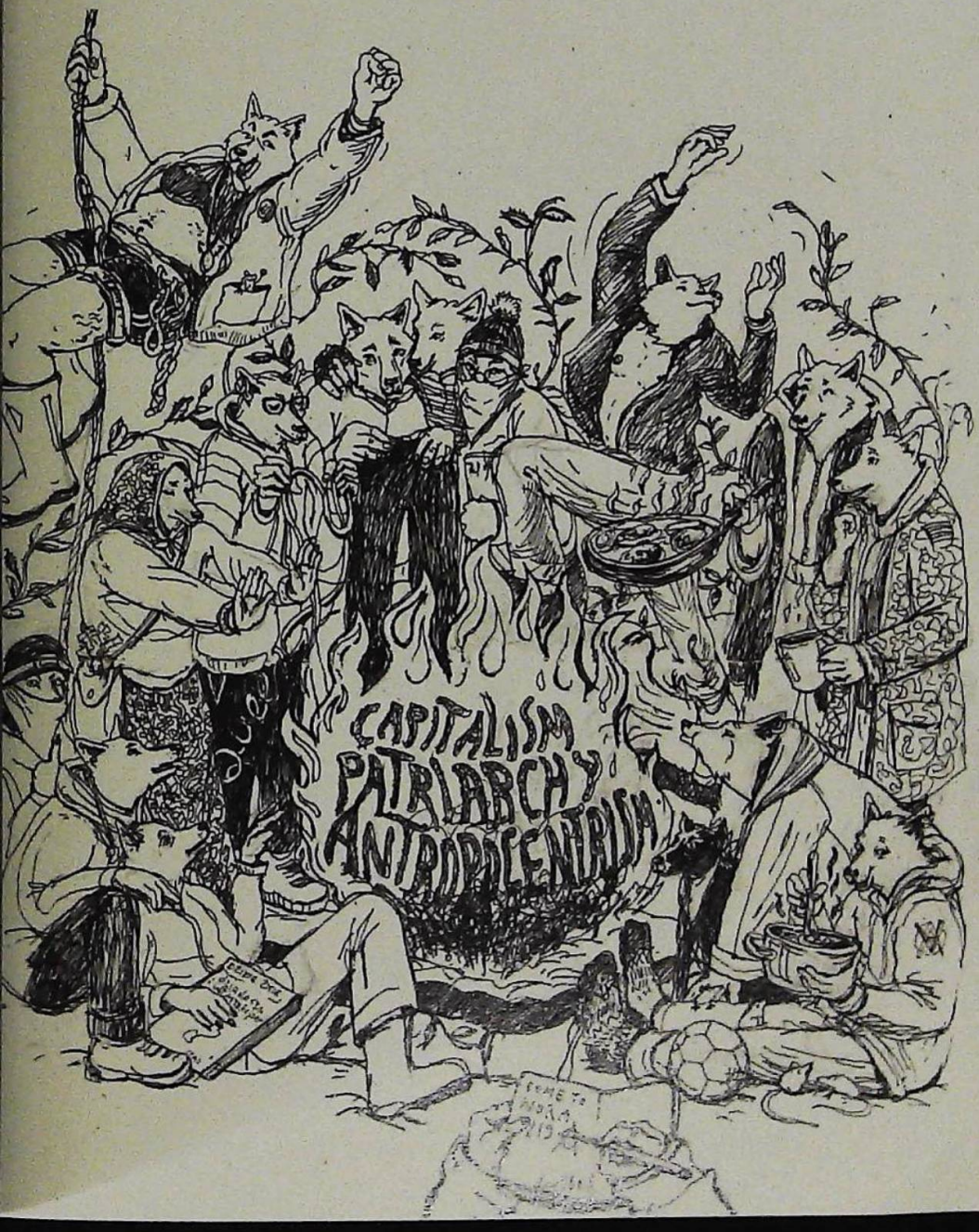

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Defend the Atlanta Forest

From the forests, to the streets, to their offices, to the homes of those who hold power, their infrastructure and assets, we can take action together.

For over a year now, people from all over the states and the world have visited this forest and have participated in this struggle. People have been taking action to prevent the destruction of the forest for Cop City or Blackhall Studios. There has been a strong local and international resistance using a wide variety of tactics ranging from sabotage, arson, home demonstrations, protests, marches, noise demonstrations, tree-sits, encampments, barricades, call-in campaigns, banner drops, graffiti murals, canvassing, pressuring the companies and contractors involved and their CEO's directly, community events, several week of actions and more.

Atlanta is a city in a forest, it has the highest percentage of tree canopy of any major metropolitan area in America. The largest contiguous section of this forest is the Weelaunee forest, known as the south river forest. This canopy is the main factor in ensuring Atlanta's resiliency in the face of climate change. The forest in Southeast Atlanta is home to wetlands that filter rainwater and prevent flooding. It is also one of the last breeding grounds for many amphibians in the region, as well as an important migration site for wading birds.

This land has an extremely scarred history, in the early 1800s, the land was stolen from Creek and Cherokee peoples. In the early 1900s, a prison farm was opened where inmates were forced to perform unpaid agricultural labor. This is how the institution of slavery transitioned into the modern prison system. It has only recently after the closure of the prison farm in the late 1990's began to heal from this carceral and violent history.

This forest is at risk of destruction as the police and Hollywood make plans to pave over Atlanta's largest remaining green space.

COP CITY:

The Atlanta Police Department funded by the Atlanta Police Foundation seeks to turn 300 acres of forest into a tactical training compound that will train police forces in the entire southeast region.

FILM STUDIO:

Blackhall Studios wants to clear cut 170 acres of forest to develop into an airport and erect the largest sound stage in America. This will exacerbate the already rapid gentrification and ongoing destruction of the Atlanta forest for development

GET INVOLVED:

For information on the contractors involved in the project go to stopreevesyoung.com

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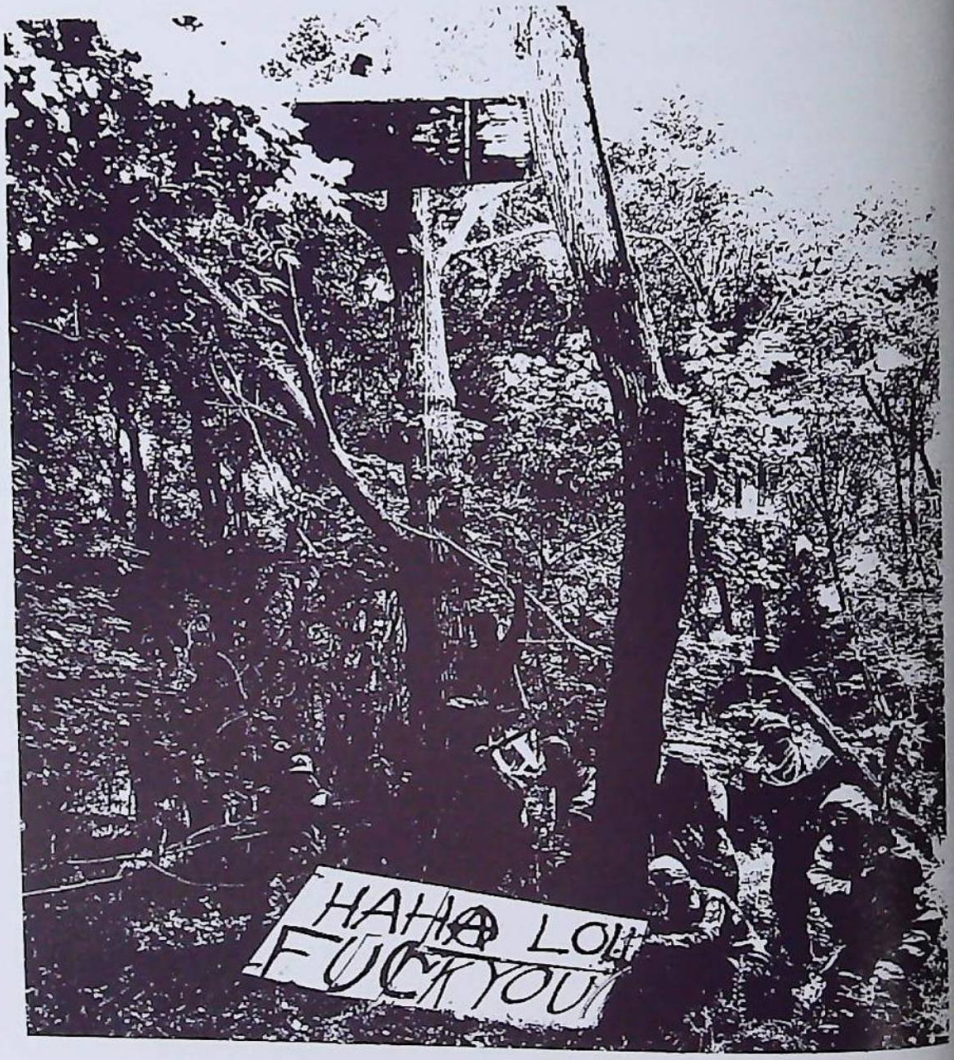

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Summer Gathering 2022
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Till last summer, it was thought that the ashes of SHAC, SPEAK and SNGP—prosecuted by the government, spy police, and court ASBOs—are the only remains of what once was the nation-stirring fight against vivisection. Vivisection became a secondary, if not tertiary, concern to growing vegan propaganda focusing on consumer lifestyle and animals imprisoned by agriculture.

And it was an assiduous work done by a small group of individuals that shone the light back on the torturous industry—and again focused public attention on ending it.

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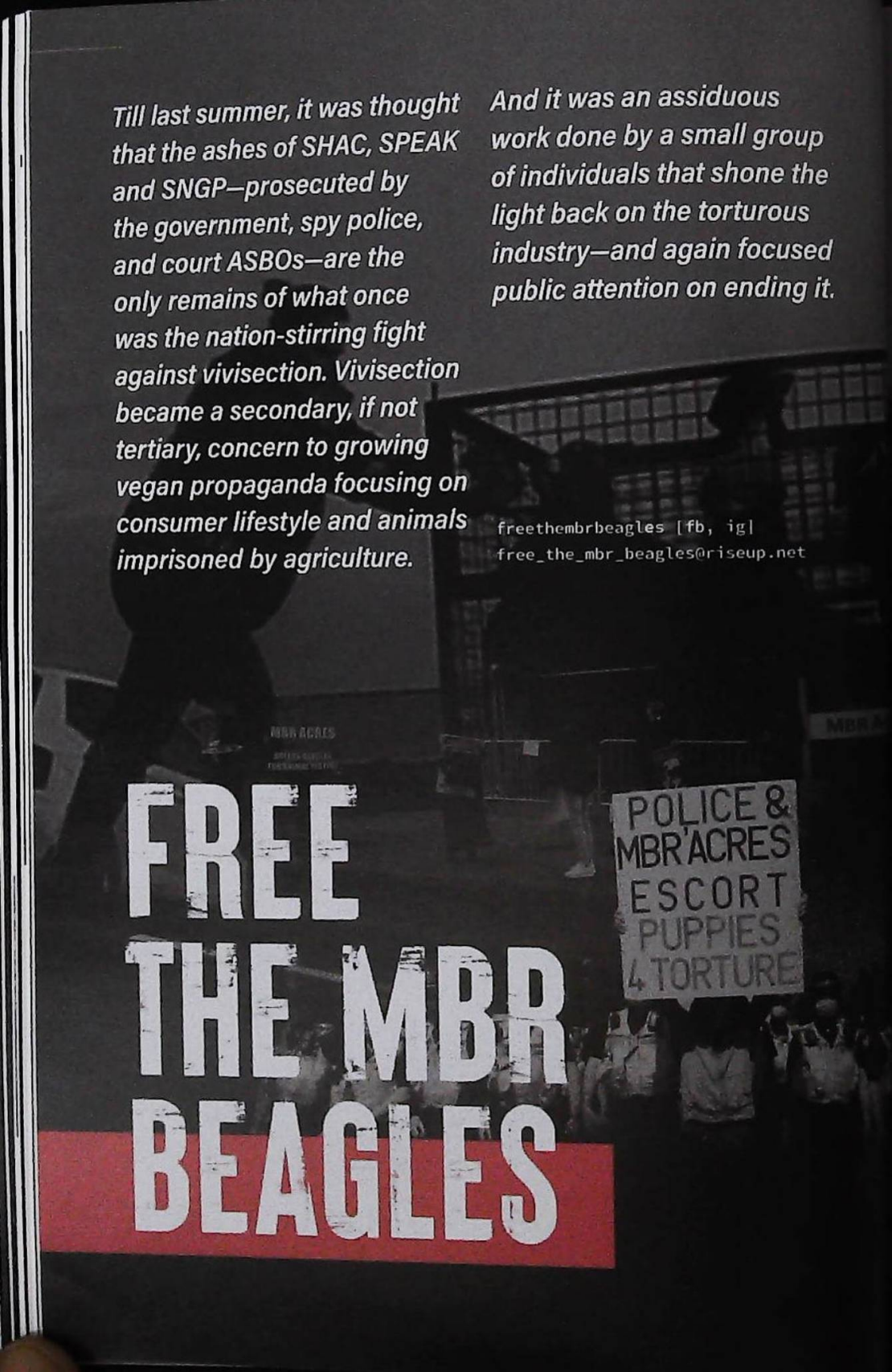

FREE THE MBR BEAGLES

The work started with small-scale, local protests and their obvious target —Envigo. This thousand-faced beast rebranded from HLS, Covenant, and now turned into Labcorp, immediately tried scare tactics by referring to previous injunctions granted to HLS. Instead of being deterred, the persistent group of protesters, formed as Stop Animal Cruelty Huntingdon (SACH), flourished into a larger team and more frequent events. One of their expanding targets became the labs' supply chain —the dog breeders.

MBR is an international company with puppy breeding grounds in the US, France, and the UK. They have a solid track of Animal Welfare Act violations in the US, as well as prosecuting activists. Their misfeasance can be only compared to the cowardice with which they tried to keep it away from the public eye. Their UK grounds are a set of inconspicuous, commercial buildings surrounded by a high wired fence, among the meadows of Cambridgeshire by a quiet road to Huntington. This is where the protests moved, but the action didn't stop there; other work started here, without which protests wouldn't be enough.

For eighteen months, the diligent and excruciating work of collecting evidence of MBR's daily operations went on. It involved recording and viewing hundreds of hours of footage with the harrowing sound of howling dogs in the background, whose lives were determined by the industry profits. The evidence of loading puppies, the track of transporting companies, and the daily routine gave away details of the procedures and ideas of where to carry on from there.

Eventually, this footage made its way to the national press and social media, and the campaign reshaped with a fresh, renewed power into Free the MBR Beagles. The public disbelief that such an atrocious deed—justifying the suffering of dogs for lab proceedings—can still be happening in the UK gradually grew into outrage. The vivisection became again the issue of public interest.

The newly gained rage turned the protest into a stationary part of the landscape—Camp Beagle. The breeders and their staff were under unfailing scrutiny of the public eye through the ongoing press and social media reporting, despite policing and attempts of prosecuting the protestors. In June group of activists from Animal Rebellion gained access to the grounds and liberated 5 beagles, after which they handed themselves to prosecution in order "to have a trial with a jury to give the British public a chance to reject animal testing".

But the fight still goes on. Currently, Free the MBR Beagles campaign goes deeper into the industry supply chain to sabotage it at its roots.

They say: "Impex is an independent courier of laboratory animals, beagles, monkeys, rabbits, mice, and more are taken to their deaths in anonymous white vans. Operating out of a unit on a small industrial estate at Thrapston in Northamptonshire nothing outwardly gave away what business operated there. Once the initial work was done plans were drawn up for a surprise protest and lock-on at the Impex depot. One thing was guaranteed companies like Impex rely on anonymity to keep prying eyes away and hide the true nature of their business. The action at Impex was a huge success with no arrests but more work was required. Daily protests at Impex were begun with activists keeping up constant pressure. The local people in Thrapston were hugely supportive of the protests and equally scathing about Russell Phillip Morgan, the owner of Impex. Within a few weeks, Impex shut the gates in Thrapston and moved out. There was further positive news to come out; court papers served on defendants by solicitors acting for MBR Acres in ongoing injunction hearings revealed that the contract for Impex to collect and transport dogs from MBR had been terminated."

Till today the protests and actions included—aside blockades and raids—spraying homes of the MBR workers and the owner of Impex. To succeed, the campaign still needs more people to join, more direct action, more rage, more solidarity, and more love, so not just the beagles but all non-humans muddled into the mess of questionable science, politics, and money can be freed.

Will this be you?

RESIST GENTRIFICATIO
FIGHT CAPITALISM
NO JUSTICE
NO PEACE
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From 1997-on vivisection in Britain came under sustained pressure. A string of family run animal breeders closed down due to campaigns waged against them, imprisoned activist Barry Horne went on hunger strike three times to highlight the suffering of laboratory animals and the New Labour government's failure to keep its promises, and Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) – Europe's contract testing facility – was brought to its knees by the group Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty.

2004: Quarries under siege by ALF

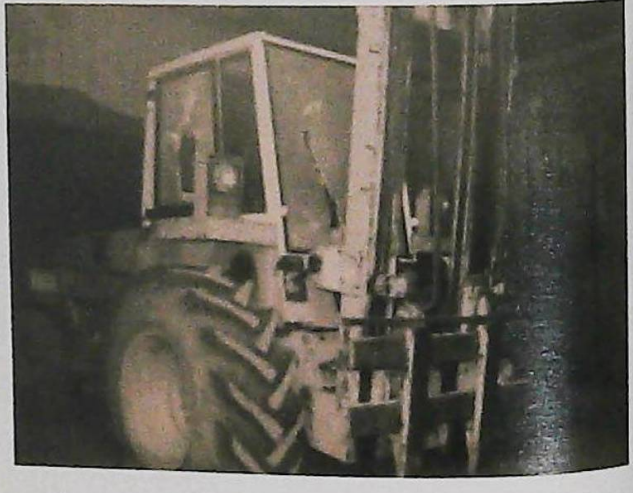

IMAGE ATTACK ON A RMC SITE IN BOURNEMOUTH, UK. DESTROYED TRACTORS, BULLDOZERS AND A CRANE; USING AXES, BOLT CROPPERS AND CROWBAR, 2004

Against this backdrop, Cambridge University put in a planning application to build Europe's largest primate laboratory in 2001. This was opposed not just by antivisectionists but also by local residents, environmentalists (it would be built on a greenfield site) and even the police. The local council unanimously rejected the application. But the government – in the form of Lord Sainsbury and his good friend prime minister Tony Blair – said they supported an appeal against the decision.

Thanks to government corruption and bribery, Cambridge had the go ahead to build the lab in November 2003 but by then Stop Primate Experiments at Cambridge (SPEAC) had been formed. The group organised a whole series of protests, one of which drew over 1000 people, and put the project under the national spotlight. Animal Aid and the National Anti-Vivisection Society lodged an appeal against the decision.

In January 2004, however, the plan was abandoned owing to financial difficulties. The university said costs had risen by £8m, no doubt some of that due to spiralling security. Antivivisectionists cited the impact of the nearby campaign against HLS, which must have alarmed those behind the lab. It was a major victory for the animal rights movement.

Activists did not rest on their laurels, however, and SPEAC quickly morphed into SPEAK campaign to oppose the building of a new "state of the art" laboratory in Oxford costing £18m and where 16,000 animals – from monkeys to mice – would be imprisoned at any one time. According to SPEAK, "a source well placed within Oxford University" said Cambridge and Oxford had held talks and "the new facility will be doing some of the brain experiments that were lost at Cambridge".

Construction was already underway when SPEAK began holding protests in March 2004 and an early success saw Travis Perkins, one of the largest suppliers of building materials, pull out. The company building the lab was called Montpellier and it was soon targeted by the ALF. Directors had paint stripper poured over their cars and paint daubed on their homes. Shareholders in Montpellier received anonymous letters warning their details would be posted on the internet and the company's share price fell by 19% overnight.

But ALF activity against Oxford University did not end there. The ALF Supporters Group Newsletter Summer 04 stated: "It would appear the ALF came to a simple conclusion that if the building has no concrete or masonry, then it isn't a building! To this end, the animal liberation underground started a relentless campaign against RMC group, the company responsible for supplying concrete to the building site".

The first ALF attack on RMC took place in May 2004 and a communiqué received by ALF SG said 88 building lorries had

their tyres slashed, break and hydraulic lines cut, sand and gravel poured into their fuel tanks. As if this wasn't enough "a concentrated attack on the loading conveyer belt left it destroyed". A cement hopper was also disabled before "activists forced their way into the site office" and smashed every piece of equipment, "rendering the site unworkable".

Before long a second attack took place on the outskirts of Nottingham where 13 vehicles were disabled and three large gravel-transport barges had their ropes cut and were pushed into the middle of a lake! Next it was the turn of an RMC quarry where "for two hours the team wreaked havoc and destruction with axes and crowbars on anything that didn't get up and run away, leaving the site in ruins".

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What started as one attack a fortnight had become two a week. Channel 4 News showed a map of the UK, demonstrating the extent of the attacks. Bedford and Bournemouth were next. Five vehicles were severely damaged in Bedford and then in Bournemouth: "A blistering and ferocious attack left the place completely destroyed. For nearly three hours activists vented their fury with axes, bolt croppers and crowbars, damage to a large number of tractors, bulldozers and a crane."

Police said the destruction was "extensive" and looked like a "professional job". The ALF cell that carried out the attacks in Bournemouth estimated they had caused £250,000 damage. Large though that figure was, it was probably beaten within days when on 30 June an RMC site in Surrey was engulfed in flames. Firefighters took three hours to tackle the blaze. No-one was hurt but "the quarry, however, did not get off so lightly. Three huge vehicles were destroyed by the fire, as well as site offices and other buildings".

Montpellier severed its contract with Oxford University on 20 July 2004. RMC, who were subcontracted by Montpellier, quickly followed suit. SPEAK and the rest of the animal rights movement were delighted but knew the government was determined not to see a repeat of Cambridge. Lord Sainsbury, given his peerage after donating £11m to Labour, said: "We have to be quite clear: this centre has to go ahead. There can be no question of it being stopped."

Oxford graduate Tony Blair visited the university and reassured those in charge they had government backing to the tune

of £100m. Pro-vivisection groups like The Research Defence Society and the media called for new laws against "animal rights extremists" that would "send a message to universities and companies across the world who might otherwise be reluctant to invest in research in the UK that relies on animal testing".

Oxford University took out an injunction against Speak to limit the effectiveness of its campaigns, which were within the law. This meant protests outside the lab could only take place for a few hours on one day each week, megaphones were banned, and activists were prevented from demonstrating within 100 yards of the homes of people connected to the laboratory.

The injunction, however, had no effect on unlawful direct action. In July 2005 the ALF caused £500,000 damage with incendiary devices and petrol by destroying 24 rowing boats and much of the interior of one of University's most prized boathouses belonging to Hertford College. The ALF also delivered an ultimatum to 100 firms - ranging from large companies such as IBM to charitable trusts and small groups like the British Deer Society - telling them to withdraw funding from the university or face a "campaign of devastation".

Work did not resume until November 2005. Site staff wore balaclavas to conceal their identities and the name of the building company was not revealed. The Guardian newspaper reported: "The identity of the firm involved is known to only one or two people at the university and among senior police officers...and the building work goes on behind barricades to stop activists from identifying the companies involved or threatening the workers".

The Oxford laboratory eventually opened in November 2008, three years behind schedule. SPEAK continues to hold protests every Thursday. Follow them on speakcampaigns [IG]

To find out more about the history of the animal rights movement read the blog, Red Black Green: network23.org/redblackgreen

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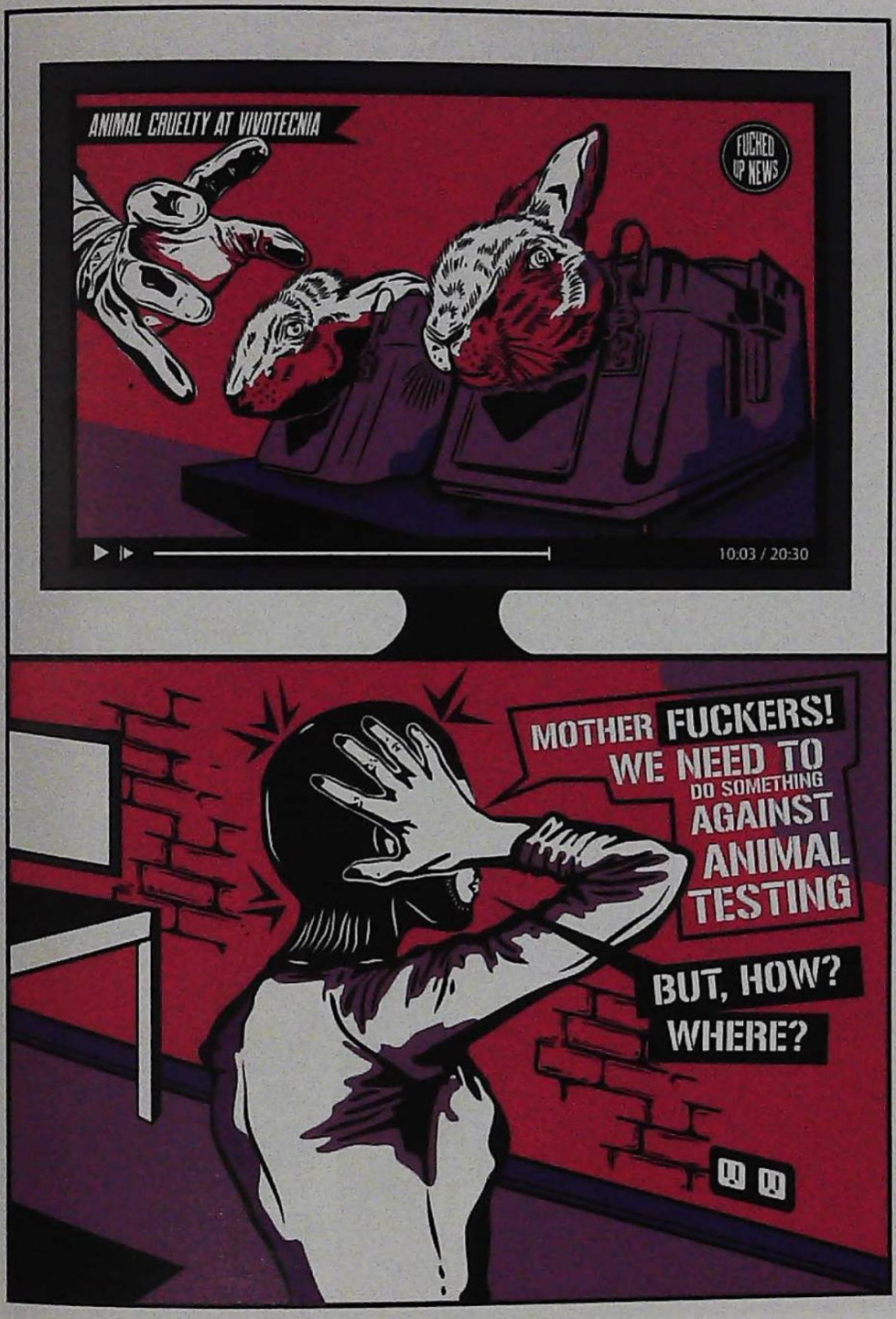
ANIMAL CRUELTY AT VIVOTECNIA
FUCKED UP NEWS
10:03 / 20:30
MOTHER FUCKERS! WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING AGAINST ANIMAL TESTING
BUT, HOW? WHERE?

I'M GONNA HAVE TO GO TO ONE OF THOSE HIPSTER VEGAN MEET UPS AT THE UNIVERSITY
ALTHOUGH WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GATHER SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE LABS THEY HAVE
LATER THAT WEEK
UNIVERSITY
VEGAN MEET UP! SOCIAL EVENT
TOMORROW!
SOME ALF LAB RAIDS VIDEOS COULD TEACH US SOME MOVES!
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA LABS
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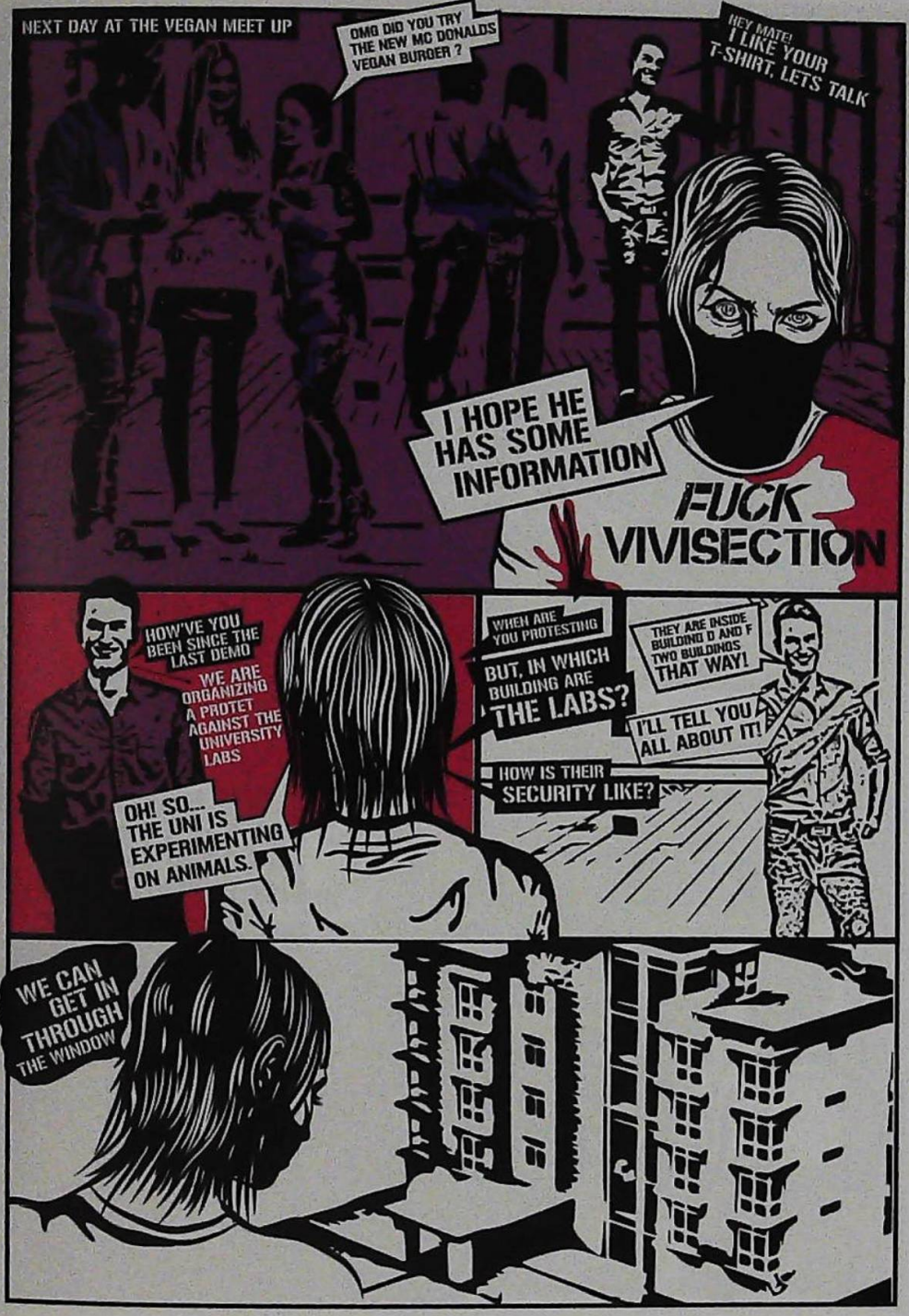
THE ALF TOOK STORAGE CONTAINERS DOWN THE ELEVATORS INTO THE LABS
88 MICE 313 RATS LIBERATED


NEXT DAY AT THE VEGAN MEET UP
OMG DID YOU TRY THE NEW MC DONALDS VEGAN BURGER ?
HEY MATE! I LIKE YOUR T-SHIRT, LETS TALK
I HOPE HE HAS SOME INFORMATION
FUCK VIVISECTION
HOW'VE YOU BEEN SINCE THE LAST DEMO
WE ARE ORGANIZING A PROTET AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY LABS
OH! SO... THE UNI IS EXPERIMENTING ON ANIMALS.
WHEN ARE YOU PROTESTING
BUT, IN WHICH BUILDING ARE THE LABS?
THEY ARE INSIDE BUILDING D AND F TWO BUILDINGS THAT WAY!
I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT!
HOW IS THEIR SECURITY LIKE?
WE CAN GET IN THROUGH THE WINDOW

NEXT DAY
LETS MEET AT THE UNI AT NOON
I HAVE NEWS
SEE YOU THERE!
I'VE GATHERED SOME INFO ABOUT THE THE LABS
THEY ARE ON THE FIRST FLOOR. THERE ARE 8 WINDOWS THAT GO INTO THE LABS AND WHERE THE ANIMALS ARE KEPT
SECURITY MUST BE VERY HARD TO PASS
LETS FIND OUT HOW MANY GUARDS AND CAMERAS THE BUILDING HAS
SUPPLIES WE NEED
SECURITY.
ONLY 2 GUARDS AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND 1 WALKING AROUND
LETS GO HOME AND FINISH PLANNING THIS ACTION!

LATER AT NIGHT...
HEADING TO THE LAB
MAKE SURE TO PARK FAR FROM SECURITY CAMERAS IN A DARK AREA
SAVE THOSE RATS!!
SEE? SOMETIMES WE JUST NEED SOME LUCK!
RUN RUN

WE MUST TAKE AS MANY AS WE CAN WITH US!
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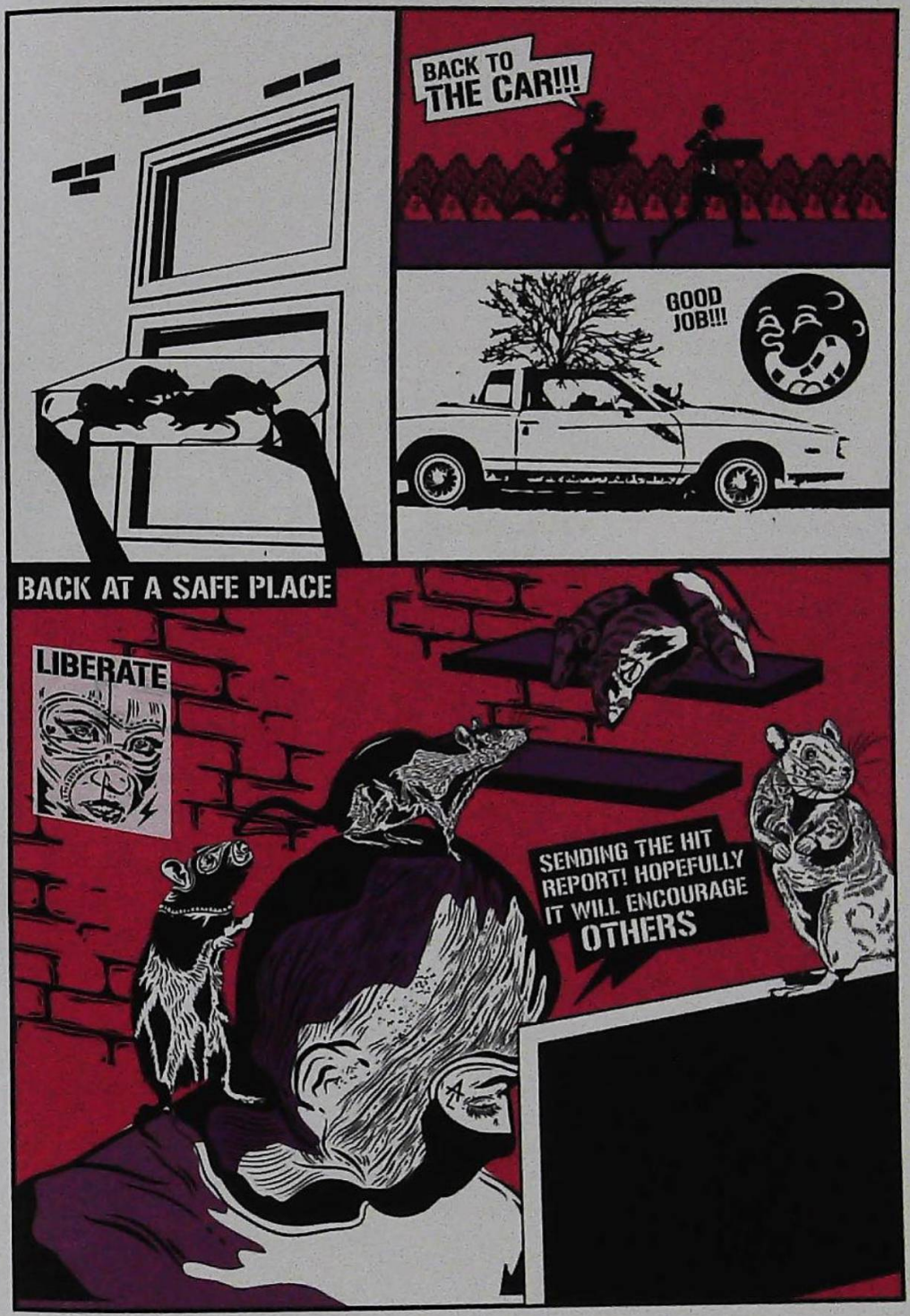
HELP!
THE BOTTOM ONES SEEM SICK
MAKE SURE YOU SMASH THIS INVESTIGATION
STOP TESTING
WE WILL BE FUCKING BACK!!!!!


BACK TO THE CAR!!!
GOOD JOB!!!
BACK AT A SAFE PLACE
LIBERATE
SENDING THE HIT REPORT! HOPEFULLY IT WILL ENCOURAGE OTHERS

Write to prisoners!

Remember that mail is read. Keep your letter simple or it may not be delivered. Don't include any details about direct action, include support and solidarity.

For updates and court dates follow @arrestsupport [ig]

Resources:
unoffensiveanimal.com/prisoner-support

abcf.net

prisonabolition.org

Jessica Reznicek

Jessica took action to stop the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. Sentenced to 8 years

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Leonard Peltier

Peltier has spent over forty-four years in prison for a crime he did not commit.

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Marius Mason

Serving nearly twenty-two years in federal prison for acts of property damage carried out in defence of the planet, involvement in ELF.

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Eric G. King

Sentenced to ten years, Eric is a vegan anarchist political prisoner, he was arrested and charged with an attempted fire bombing of a government official's office in Kansas City.

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Ladislav Kuc

Ladislav is an animal rights activist accused of illegal possession of arms, manufacturing explosives, and terrorism for a bombing in front of a McDonald's on December 28, 2011, in which there were no injuries. Sentenced to 12 years.

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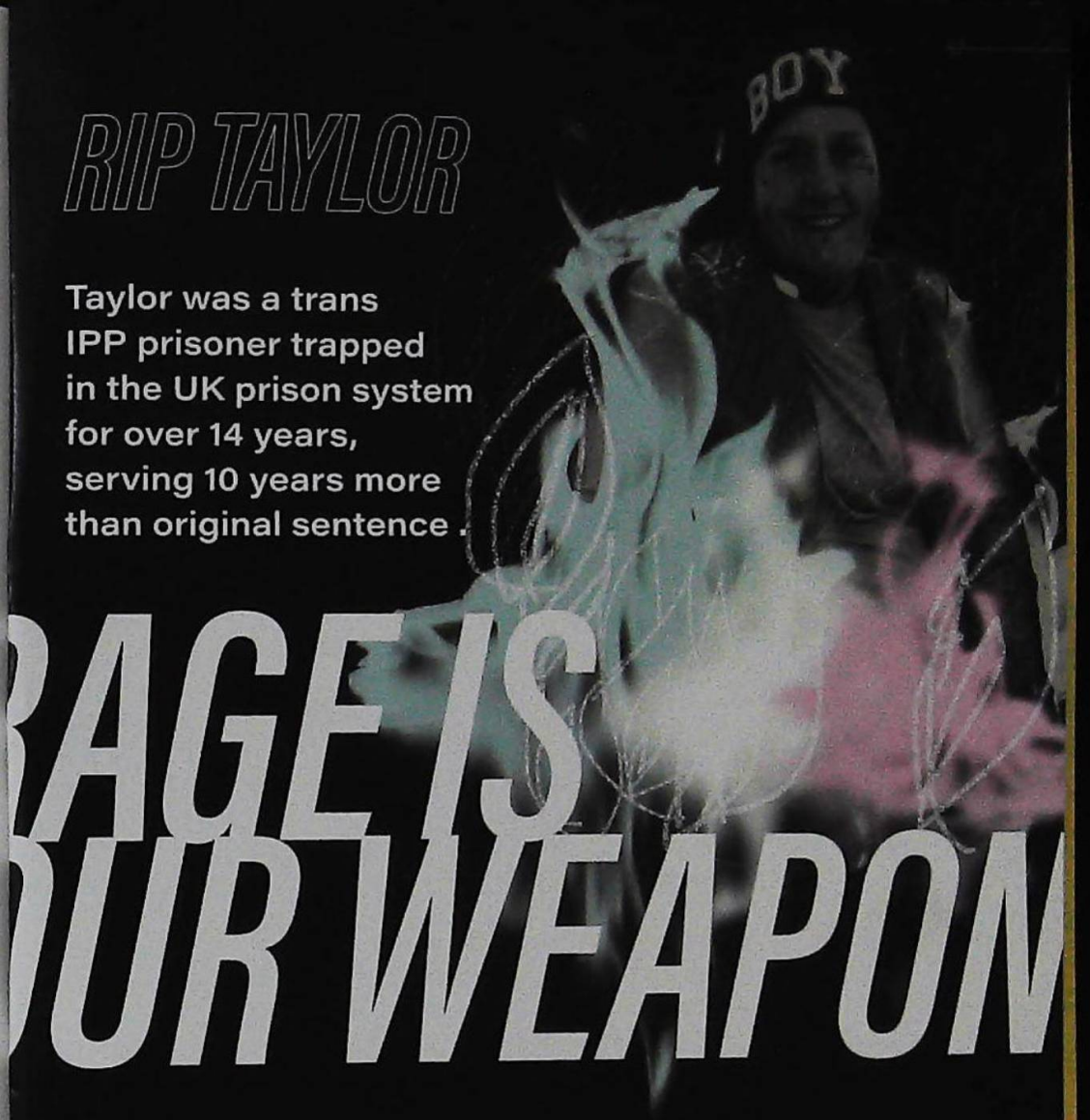
RIP TAYLOR

Taylor was a trans IPP prisoner trapped in the UK prison system for over 14 years, serving 10 years more than original sentence.



RAGE IS OUR WEAPON

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He was a beloved friend to anarchist comrades who met him in prison. He had ACAB on his knuckles and an anti-authoritarian spirit and loved animals. He was a working class 'old school' prisoner who knew which side he was on. He hated the system with every ounce of his being.

IPP (Imprisonment for Public Protection) is a type of sentencing that was introduced in 2005 and meant that

people would be sentenced to an initial 'tariff' (minimum time that must be served) and, after that point, their release would be decided by the parole board. This means that IPP prisoners have NO definite release date.

It is effectively a life sentence for minor crimes. After huge public pressure, IPP sentences were abolished in 2012, but not retrospectively, which means there are still more than 3500 people in prison with no release date. The uncertainty is a living hell. This sentence led to the UK having one of the highest rates of prisoner suicide in the world.

243 of IPP prisoners have died in prison, 72 of them took their lives.

For Taylor, the IPP was a death sentence. He was given 4 years for burglary but served 14 years before he died. The long-term imprisonment with no end-date totally destroyed Taylor's mental health. He attempted suicide multiple times, including slitting his own throat and taking an overdose that led him to being in a coma twice. It eventually killed him.

Abolition means revolution. It means destroying the state. It means direct action. It means putting the war into class war.

We know Taylor was one of millions of people around the world kept in a cage. We know thousands of people are murdered by the state in wars – like in the invasion of Ukraine. We know the state kills people on it's borders, in detention centres, in prisons, in psychiatric hospitals. We know it's those harmed by white supremacy, ableism, poverty and transphobia who face the sharpest end of this violence.

Every single incarcerated person is a political prisoner.

The inquest and the Prison and Probation Ombudsman's report will not achieve 'justice.' Prisons are working exactly as they are designed to. This horror is no accident. It is intentional.

Pools of Taylor's blood covered his cell where he died alone. His blood covered the hands of HMP and they will face no repercussions. Unless we make them.

We call for rage everywhere. Remember Taylor. Fight with everything you have for those still in prison. No more empty slogans, this is a life and death struggle.

We call on comrades to honour Taylor in every way. Against prisons, against the state, for freedom, for revolution.

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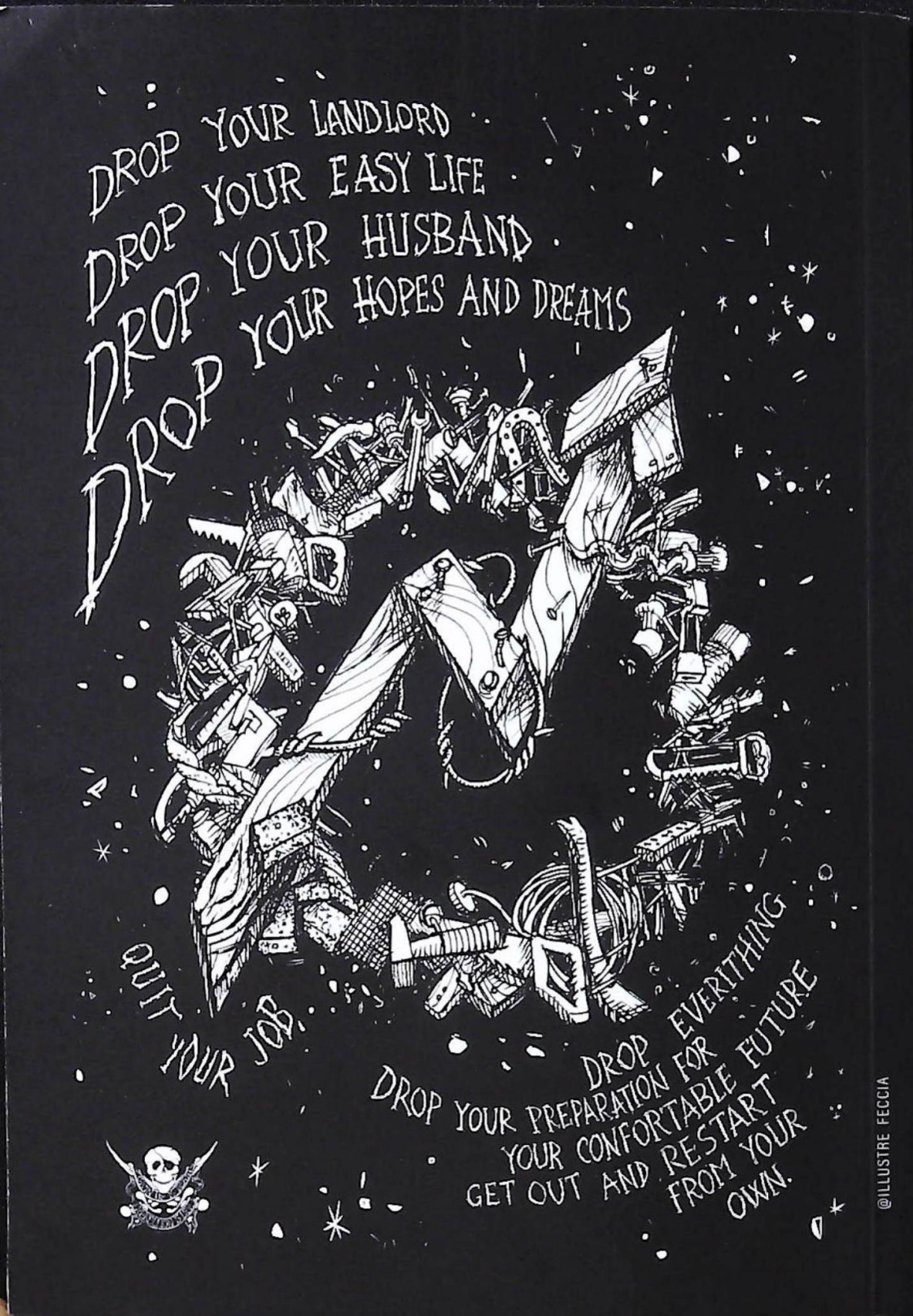
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